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1                   **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**  
2                   **TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007 BEGINS ON PAGE 87]**

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6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
7 IS NOW IN SESSION. AND ASK THAT EVERYONE STAND FOR THE  
8 INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION WILL  
9 BE LED BY RABBI DANIEL RONNIE COHEN OF THE JEWISH HEALING AND  
10 HOSPICE CENTER OF LOS ANGELES AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
11 WILL BE LEAD BY ARNOLD PENA, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR  
12 POST NUMBER 2 OF THE CULVER CITY AM.VETS. RABBI COHEN.

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14   **RABBI DANIEL RONNIE COHEN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND HONORED  
15 SUPERVISORS. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO LEAD YOU IN THE INVOCATION  
16 THIS MORNING. OH, SOURCE OF ALL LIFE AND BLESSINGS, WE THANK  
17 YOU FOR THE MANY GIFTS WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOU. WE THANK YOU  
18 FOR THE FOOD, CLOTHING AND SHELTER YOU HAVE MADE AVAILABLE TO  
19 US IN THE WORLD. WE PRAY FOR THE WILL AND WISDOM TO DISTRIBUTE  
20 THESE BOUNTEOUS GIFTS EQUITABLY IN THE WORLD. WE THANK YOU FOR  
21 THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE IN THIS WONDERFUL NATION OF OURS, LED  
22 AND DEFENDED BY DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN TO ENSURE OUR  
23 PROTECTION. WE PRAY FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF ALL OUR SERVICEMEN  
24 AND WOMEN AND WE PRAY FOR OUR GOVERNMENT TO WORK IN CONCERT  
25 WITH WORLD LEADERS TO BRING TRUE PEACE THE WORLD OVER SPEEDILY



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1 IN OUR DAY. WE THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF LIVING IN THIS  
2 GREAT COUNTY OF OURS, THE MOST POPULOUS IN THE NATION, LED SO  
3 ABLY BY OUR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS. WE ASK YOUR  
4 BLESSINGS UPON US AND OUR LEADERS, ON OUR SUPERVISORS AND ON  
5 ALL OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT WORKERS AND EMPLOYEES THAT THEY BE  
6 FRUITFUL IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS, THAT THEY BE ABLE TO WORK  
7 COOPERATIVELY TO FACILITATE THE SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF OUR  
8 COUNTY AND THAT THEY BE KEPT FROM DANGER. WE PRAY PARTICULARLY  
9 FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF OUR SAFETY OFFICERS WHO DAILY  
10 PUT THEMSELVES IN HARM'S WAY TO PROTECT US. FINALLY, WE ASK  
11 YOUR BLESSINGS ON THE LESS FORTUNATE OF THIS COUNTY. MAY THEY  
12 BE HELPED AND AIDED BY GENEROUS INDIVIDUALS AND BY CARING  
13 ORGANIZATIONS AND BY A RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT.  
14 ALL THESE WE ASK OF YOU TODAY AND WE SAY AMEN.

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16 **ARNOLD PENA:** WE WILL FACE THE FLAG, PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER  
17 YOUR HEART. JOIN ME IN PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG. [  
18 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE WERE LED IN THE INVOCATION THIS  
21 MORNING BY RABBI DANIEL RONNIE COHEN, WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED  
22 IN LOS ANGELES AND GRADUATED FROM FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL. HE  
23 SPENT A YEAR IN ISRAEL BEFORE RETURNING TO ATTEND U.C.L.A.  
24 WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS B.A. RABBI COHEN DID GRADUATE WORK AT  
25 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK, ATTENDED THE ZIEGLER SCHOOL





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1 OF RABBINIC STUDIES AT THE AMERICAN JEWISH UNIVERSITY HERE IN  
2 LOS ANGELES AND WAS ORDAINED JUST THIS PAST MAY. HE IS  
3 CURRENTLY THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR JEWISH HEALING AND HOSPICE  
4 CENTER OF LOS ANGELES AND IS ALSO AN ADJUNCT LECTURER AT THE  
5 AMERICAN JEWISH UNIVERSITY IN RABBINICS AND JEWISH STUDIES.  
6 RABBI COHEN PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS A MEMBER AND MY APPOINTEE TO  
7 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION'S BOARD  
8 OF INVESTMENTS AND CURRENTLY CERTAIN SERVES-- AND THAT'S  
9 BECAUSE HE HAS A ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL BACKGROUND, NOT JUST  
10 A RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND. AND CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE BOARD OF  
11 SUPERVISORS' APPOINTED MEMBER ON THE HORIZONS' PLAN  
12 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, WHERE HIS CONNECTIONS UP ABOVE MAY  
13 SERVE SOME USEFUL PURPOSE. I WOULD ADD, JUST ON A PERSONAL  
14 NOTE, RABBI COHEN, OR RONNIE, AS WE CALL HIM IN OUR HOUSEHOLD,  
15 IS A LIFELONG FRIEND OF MINE AND BARBARA'S. WE WENT TO HIGH  
16 SCHOOL AND COLLEGE TOGETHER. HIS DAD AND MY DAD AND MOM WERE--  
17 AND HIS MOM WERE VERY CLOSE FRIENDS GOING BACK TO THE 1920S.  
18 SO IT IS A PERSONAL PRIVILEGE TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INVITE YOU,  
19 RONNIE, TO SHARE AN INVOCATION WITH US AND CONGRATULATIONS ON  
20 YOUR NEW POSITION AND THANK YOU FOR SHARING A PRAYER WITH US  
21 THIS MORNING. [ APPLAUSE ]

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE ARNOLD PENA HERE  
24 WITH US TODAY. HE IS FROM AM.VETS POST NUMBER 2, CULVER CITY.  
25 HE'S THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER. HE SERVED AS A SERGEANT



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1 IN THE U.S. ARMY FROM '58 TO '61. HE WAS IN THE ARMY 107TH  
2 AGENCY, SECURITY AGENCY. HE SERVED IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY, AND  
3 HE'S A RETIRED TEACHER FROM HAWTHORN HIGH SCHOOL. HE HAS LIVED  
4 IN THE DISTRICT FOR 45 YEARS. HE WENT TO REDLANDS HIGH SCHOOL  
5 AND GRADUATED FROM U.C.L.A. AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE HIM  
6 HERE WITH US TODAY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN...

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...JUST TO BE RECOGNIZED TO ADJOURN OUR  
13 MEETING TODAY IN A SPECIAL WAY FOR A GOOD FRIEND, HAL FISHMAN,  
14 WHO PASSED AWAY AT 3 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING. HAL, TO ME, WAS A  
15 PERSONAL FRIEND AND A ROLE MODEL AND MENTOR. OUR FRIENDSHIP  
16 BEGAN IN OUR COLLEGE-- IN MY COLLEGE DAYS WHEN HE WAS A  
17 PROFESSOR AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES. HE WAS  
18 ALSO THE ADVISER TO OUR CAMPUS YOUNG REPUBLICANS. IN THAT  
19 TIME, HE WAS REALLY-- KIND OF BROKE OUT OF THE NORM AT THE  
20 UNIVERSITY BECAUSE HE DROVE A RED CORVETTE, THE ONLY PROFESSOR  
21 TO HAVE A CORVETTE AND HE LIKED FAST CARS AND, AS YOU KNOW, HE  
22 LIKED AIRPLANES. AND THAT'S WHEN HE BEGAN HIS BROADCASTING  
23 CAREER AND HIS-- CHANNEL 13, I THINK IT WAS CHARLIE ROSE AND  
24 LARRY MCCORMICK, WE'D GO DOWN AFTER-- HE'D TEACH IN THE  
25 DAYTIME AND DO THE NEWS IN THE EVENING. AND, FROM THAT NICHE,



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1 YOU KNOW, WE'D GO DOWN AND WATCH THE BROADCAST AND THEN GO  
2 FLYING IN HIS AIRPLANE OVER LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTIES.  
3 AND THEN I HAD THE SPECIAL PRIVILEGE OF BEING WITH HIM WHEN HE  
4 HAD HIS STAR PLACED ON HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, WHICH WAS A GREAT  
5 HONOR. THEN MY FAMILY AND I, AT THAT TIME MARY HADN'T BEEN  
6 BORN, BUT LITTLE MICHAEL, AT THE DEDICATION OF THE NEWSROOM AT  
7 K.T.L.A. AND, AGAIN, HE WAS SO MUCH INTEGRITY AND SUBSTANCE.  
8 AND HE WORKED 'TIL THE END, AS YOU KNOW, BUT HE REALLY LOVED  
9 OUR COUNTY AND OUR STATE. HE WAS A MAN OF SUBSTANCE AND  
10 INTEGRITY AND HE WAS KIND OF THE ICON AND LIKE AN INSTITUTION  
11 IN LOCAL NEWS AND HIS STYLE AND PRESENCE WILL BE MISSED. AND  
12 WE REALLY SEND OUR PRAYERS TO HIS WIFE AND SON, WHO ARE NOW,  
13 YOU KNOW, GRIEVING. BUT THERE'S GOING TO BE A MEMORIAL SERVICE  
14 HELD SOMETIME AFTER LABOR DAY TO RECOGNIZE HIM AND THE LOVE  
15 THAT THE COMMUNITY HAD FOR HIS CHARACTER AND SUBSTANCE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL ADJOURN, ALL MEMBERS,  
18 TODAY FOR HAL, HAL FISHMAN. I'LL JUST ADD MY OWN BRIEF  
19 COMMENTS. I FIRST MET HAL IN 1969 WHEN I WALKED INTO THE  
20 CHANNEL 5 STUDIO TO DO AN INTERVIEW ON A TRIP I HAD JUST  
21 RETURNED FROM TO THE SOVIET UNION ON BEHALF OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
22 BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN AND IT STARTED A LONG, 38-YEAR  
23 RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. IN FACT, WE HAD A FOURTH OF JULY  
24 BARBECUE AT A MUTUAL FRIEND'S OUT IN BRENTWOOD THIS PAST  
25 FOURTH OF JULY WITH HIS SON AND REMINISCED ABOUT ALL KINDS OF





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1 THINGS OVER THESE FOUR DECADES. IT'S AMAZING, 38-- IN HIS  
2 CASE, HE STARTED AT CHANNEL 5 I BELIEVE IN 1960.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHANNEL 13.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CHANNEL 13. AND THEN TO CHANNEL 5  
7 HE HAS BEEN FOR OVER 40 YEARS AND AS ANCHORMAN FOR 32 YEARS. I  
8 DON'T THINK THERE HAS EVER BEEN AN ANCHORMAN IN TELEVISION IN  
9 LOS ANGELES WHO HAS BEEN AN ANCHORMAN FOR 32 YEARS. IN FACT, I  
10 THINK I SAW ON CHANNEL 5 THIS MORNING THAT IT'S A GUINNESS  
11 BOOK OF RECORDS. IT'S IN THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS HE'S THE  
12 LONGEST CONSECUTIVE NUMBER OF YEARS AS AN ANCHORMAN FOR A NEWS  
13 PROGRAM. AND IT WASN'T JUST HIS LONGEVITY BUT, AS MIKE SAID,  
14 IT WAS THE QUALITY OF HIS JOURNALISM. HE WAS A THOROUGH, WELL  
15 INFORMED, INSISTED THAT HIS PUBLIC BE WELL INFORMED, HE WAS  
16 INCREDIBLY FAIR, YOU JUST WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT HIS POLITICS WERE  
17 FROM WATCHING HIS NEWSCAST, INCREDIBLY FAIR AND DEMANDED  
18 ACCURACY AND INFORMATION TO THE HILT. AND THAT'S WHY, IN MY  
19 JUDGMENT, CHANNEL 5 NEWS REMAINED, ALL THESE YEARS, AS QUALITY  
20 A NEWSCAST AS THERE WAS. AND I SAID, WHEN STAN CHAMBERS WAS  
21 HONORED HERE A FEW YEARS AGO, THAT WHENEVER THERE WAS A  
22 BREAKING STORY IN LOS ANGELES, THAT IT WAS CHANNEL 5 TO WHOM  
23 OUR HOUSEHOLD ALWAYS TURNED. AND ONE OF THE REASONS WAS IT HAD  
24 THE CREDIBILITY. YOU KNEW THAT THE INFORMATION THEY WERE GOING  
25 TO GIVE YOU WAS THE TRUTH, UNVARNISHED TRUTH. SO I REALLY--



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1 LOS ANGELES HAS LOST A REAL HISTORICAL FIGURE. THERE WILL  
2 NEVER BE ANOTHER BROADCASTER WHO WILL LAST 32 YEARS IN ONE  
3 POSITION ANY MORE THAN WE'RE EVER GOING TO SEE A BASEBALL  
4 PLAYER STAY WITH ONE TEAM ANY MORE FOR A CAREER. IT IS A GREAT  
5 LOSS BOTH TO THE COMMUNITY AND PERSONALLY.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHANNEL 5 HAD LARRY MCCORMICK, HAL FISHMAN  
8 AND STAN CHAMBERS AND THOSE WERE THE THREE REALLY INSTITUTIONS  
9 WHO WATCHED OUR COUNTY GROW AND MATURE AND WERE THERE FOR THE  
10 GOOD AND THE BAD AND, I MEAN, THOSE ARE REALLY THREE  
11 INSTITUTIONS THAT...

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE AND THEN MS. BURKE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I WOULD JUST ADD AS WELL, I MEAN, I'VE KNOWN  
18 HAL SINCE THE EARLY '80S BUT I THINK, MORE IMPORTANTLY, I CAME  
19 TO KNOW HIM VERY WELL. AS YOU REMEMBER, I WAS MAYOR OF  
20 CERRITOS DURING THE CERRITOS AIR CRASH IN 1986 AND HAL WAS ON  
21 THAT STORY, AS WELL, AND HE WAS SO FAIR TO OUR COMMUNITY AND  
22 TO THE CITIZENS BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY OUT OF THAT, OBVIOUSLY,  
23 THERE WAS A LOT OF CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT WAS NEEDED ON  
24 AIRPLANES. THERE WAS A VERY POWERFUL LEGISLATIVE GROUP OF  
25 AIRLINE OWNER PILOTS' ASSOCIATION THAT GOT VERY AGGRESSIVE



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1 WITH OUR SITUATION. HAL WAS ABLE TO INTERFACE AND STAND UP TO  
2 THAT AND, BECAUSE OF HAL'S EFFORT, HAL AND I WENT BACK TO  
3 WASHINGTON ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF THESE  
4 AIRCRAFT COLLISION MONITORS, WHICH ARE NOW PART OF ALL  
5 AIRPLANES. AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF HIS CALMNESS, HIS LEADERSHIP  
6 IN TRYING TO ATTEMPTING TO MEDIATE SOME OF HIS OWN FOLKS, THE  
7 ACTIVE AVIATORS, THAT MADE THAT HAPPEN. HE WAS JUST, AS YOU  
8 SAID, HE REPORTED THE NEWS. AND HE REPORTED WITH QUALITY AND  
9 INTEGRITY AND JUST ABSOLUTE CREDIBILITY. AND I, LIKE YOU, ZEV,  
10 WHEN BREAKING NEWS, IT GOES TO CHANNEL 5 BECAUSE YOU KNOW  
11 YOU'RE GOING TO GET THAT VOICE. SO HE'LL BE SORELY MISSED BY  
12 EVERYONE.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN AND SAY THAT I CERTAINLY ENJOYED  
17 ALL OF THE YEARS WORKING WITH HAL. HE WAS ALWAYS FAIR. HE  
18 ALWAYS GAVE EVERYONE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. HE WAS A  
19 PERSON OF SUCH HIGH REPUTATION AND THE THING I THINK THAT WAS  
20 A LITTLE DIFFERENT ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE AT CHANNEL 5 OVER  
21 THOSE YEARS, THEY WERE ALSO ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND THEY  
22 WERE GOING INTO THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE BECAME  
23 ACQUAINTED WITH ALL OF THE COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES. AND HE  
24 WILL BE SORELY MISSED. AND I CERTAINLY CAN LOOK BACK OVER THE  
25 YEARS ON THE MANY INTERVIEWS. I DID NOT KNOW HIM FROM A



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1 PERSONAL STANDPOINT BUT ONLY AS A REPORTER AND AS SOMEONE  
2 THAT, OVER THESE 25 YEARS OR MORE, I HAD OPPORTUNITIES TO  
3 APPEAR WITH HIM, BEFORE HIM AND TO BE INTERVIEWED WITH HIM AND  
4 WE CERTAINLY WILL MISS HIM.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT WILL BE UNANIMOUS VOTE TO  
7 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HAL FISHMAN TODAY. AND PERHAPS WE  
8 WILL FIND AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO HONOR HIM IN THE WEEKS AHEAD,  
9 HONOR HIS MEMORY. WE'LL WORK ON THAT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
10 ORDERED. SOMEBODY ASKED-- MIKE, I KNOW YOU WERE ON THE AIR  
11 WITH THEM THIS MORNING AND I FOLLOWED YOU SHORTLY THEREAFTER.  
12 THEY SAID WAS-- DID HE CARRY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' WATER?  
13 YOU GUYS TALKED SO GLOWINGLY OF HIM AND I HAD TO LAUGH. HAL  
14 FISHMAN DIDN'T CARRY ANYBODY'S WATER. BUT HE SIMPLY-- HE DID  
15 WHAT HE DID WITH PROFESSIONALISM AND DIGNITY AND NOT  
16 DISAGREEABLY. IT PROVES THAT YOU CAN BE A GOOD NEWS MAN AND  
17 NOT BE A SCHMOE. THAT'S-- ANYWAY. IT'S A REAL LOSS. ALL RIGHT.  
18 SACHI, YOU'RE ON.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
21 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE  
22 MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 4-H.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE  
25 SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 15.  
3 ON ITEM NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
4 HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 6, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO  
5 REVISE THE RECOMMENDATION SO THAT IT READS, "DIRECT THE CHIEF  
6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTORS OF  
7 PUBLIC WORKS AND THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, TO REPORT  
8 BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS". THE REMAINDER OF THE  
9 RECOMMENDATION WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO THAT  
12 MODIFICATION, THEN THAT'LL BE WHAT WILL BE BEFORE US. GO  
13 AHEAD.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 9, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
16 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 10, AS  
17 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY  
18 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 14TH,  
19 2007. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. KNABE MOVES, BURKE  
22 SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT CALENDAR, WE'RE ON PAGE 8. CONSENT  
25 CALENDAR, ITEMS 16 THROUGH 44. ON ITEM NUMBER 19, SUPERVISOR





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1 YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
2 AUGUST 14TH, 2007.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE  
5 THE ORDER.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
8 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT. DR. CLAVREUL WANTED TO BE  
11 HEARD. WE'LL HEAR FROM HER ON OTHER ITEMS. I'LL PERMIT HER TO  
12 ADDRESS THIS ITEM BUT LET'S CONTINUE IT.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. AND THEN, ON ITEM 41, SUPERVISOR  
15 MOLINA VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM?

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 41.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SHE'S NOT HERE SO SHE CAN'T VOTE.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SHE'S NOT HERE SO SHE WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE  
24 VOTE.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, SHE WON'T BE RECORDED. SHE'S  
2   ABSENT.

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4   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT, CORRECT.

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6   **SUP. BURKE:** ISN'T SHE COMING IN?

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8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK SHE IS BUT SHE'S NOT HERE  
9   AT THE MOMENT. OKAY. SO GO AHEAD, KEEP GOING.

10

11   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SO THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS BEFORE YOU.

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13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS,  
14   WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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16   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE NOW ON PAGE 18, SEPARATE MATTERS. ON  
17   ITEM 45, I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS  
18   THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
19   ISSUANCE AND SALE OF EL MONTE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL  
20   OBLIGATION BONDS 2004 ELECTION SERIES B, IN A AGGREGATE  
21   PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 20 MILLION.

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23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.  
24   UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS. ITEMS 46 THROUGH 48. ON  
2 ITEM 46, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A REPORT. ON ITEMS 47 AND 48,  
3 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
4 REQUESTS THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 21ST,  
5 2007.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEMS 47 AND 48?

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
12 THAT'LL BE THE ORDER.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS, ITEM 49, ADDITIONS TO THE  
15 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
16 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 49-A,  
17 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND  
18 THEN, ON PAGE 21, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM C.S.-2,  
19 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK  
20 TO AUGUST 14TH, 2007.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** C.S.-2 UNDER NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION?  
25 PAGE 21.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ONE WEEK?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.

9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL

10 DISTRICT NO. 5.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME TOM SHEA TO THE

15 BOARD FOR HIS RECOGNITION AND DEDICATION IN SERVING AS MY

16 APPOINTEE ON THE COMMISSION OF AGING. A RESIDENT OF ALHAMBRA,

17 A FINE BUSINESSMAN, HE'S CURRENTLY MARKETING DIRECTOR FOR THE

18 ALHAMBRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. HE HAS EXTENSIVE PROFESSIONAL

19 MANAGEMENT AND SALES BACKGROUND WITH NATIONALLY RESPECTED

20 FIRMS. ACTIVE MEMBER IN HIS COMMUNITY WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE

21 CITY AND AT SCHOOLS AND HE CURRENTLY SITS ON THE LUCKMAN FINE

22 ARTS COUNCIL AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES

23 CAMPUS. HE'S ALSO HELD POSITION IN THE AREAS OF PUBLIC AND

24 COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND TRAINING FOR THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

25 OF THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL. AN ADVOCATE IN BRINGING



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1 ATTENTION TO THE TOPIC OF AGING, THOMAS WAS A REPRESENTATIVE  
2 FOR THE 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TO THE 2005 WHITE HOUSE  
3 CONFERENCE ON AGING. HE'S ALSO SERVED HIS COUNTRY DURING THE  
4 COLD WAR IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, WHERE HE WAS STATIONED  
5 WITH THE THIRD ARMOR CAVALRY REGIMENT IN GERMANY. IN OCTOBER  
6 2002, I APPOINTED TOM TO THE COMMISSION ON AGING. HE HAS  
7 PROVIDED A GREAT INSIGHT AND SENSITIVITY TO THOSE ISSUES AND  
8 HIS PRESENCE ON THE BOARD WILL BE MISSED BUT WE APPRECIATE HIS  
9 LEADERSHIP THAT WILL STILL BE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. SO,  
10 TOM, CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12 **THOMAS SHEA:** IT'S BEEN A REAL PRIVILEGE TO SERVE ON THE  
13 COMMISSION ON AGING AND TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. AND  
14 JUST BECAUSE I'M STEPPING DOWN FROM THE COMMISSION, I STILL AM  
15 AVAILABLE FOR OTHER COMMISSION WORK BECAUSE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
16 IS WHERE I LIVE. THANKS AGAIN AND THANKS TO MIKE ANTONOVICH. [  
17 APPLAUSE ]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THURSDAY NIGHT, WE HAVE "ALL FOR THE LOVE OF  
20 CHILDREN", WHICH WE DO IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. IT WILL BE AT THE EDWARDS  
22 THEATER ON GARFIELD AND MAIN. AND THAT'S WHERE WE RAISE FUNDS  
23 FOR THE CHILDREN THAT AREN'T NECESSARILY COVERED BY STATE OR  
24 FEDERAL RESOURCES WHO ARE IN FOSTER CARE. MICHAELA FROM  
25 CHANNEL 5 ALWAYS IS OUR GREAT EMCEE AT THAT. I HAVE A JOINT





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1 PRESENTATION WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE ON THE NEXT ONE. DON, DO  
2 YOU WANT TO DO THAT NOW? THE CERTIFIED MARKETS?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH. I'D LIKE TO ASK MARY  
5 LOU WEISS TO JOIN ME UP HERE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND I ARE  
6 GOING TO BE JOINED IN THIS PRESENTATION AND I'D LIKE TO CALL  
7 UP MARY LOU. SHE'S MANAGER OF SEVERAL CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET  
8 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OUR A.G. COMMISSIONER, CURT FLOREN, IS  
9 ALSO HERE. PAUL DUFORD AND ERNIE BANTA, DEPUTY OF THE  
10 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT. IN  
11 CELEBRATION OF THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL FARMER'S MARKET WEEK, WE  
12 WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE A STEADFAST DEDICATION TO DIRECT MARKETING  
13 EXHIBITED BY MARY LOU, WHO OPERATES THREE SUCCESSFUL AND VERY  
14 POPULAR MARKETS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SHE HAS WORKED  
15 TIRELESSLY AS A MEMBER AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE CERTIFIED  
16 FARMERS MARKET ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN PROMOTING NEW LEGISLATION  
17 AND REGULATIONS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE PROGRAM. SO I'M GOING  
18 TO ASK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TO SAY A FEW WORDS AS WELL BUT,  
19 MORE IMPORTANTLY, JUST SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS TO MARY LOU AND  
20 ALL HER EFFORTS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO ECHO WHAT SUPERVISOR KNABE SAID. ON  
23 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY FOR THE GREAT LEADERSHIP AND VISION AND  
24 PARTICIPATION THAT MARY HAS PROVIDED, WE APPRECIATE THAT VERY  
25 MUCH.



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2   **MARY LOU WEISS:** WELL, TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE LOS  
3   ANGELES COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT, I'M VERY HONORED TO  
4   RECEIVE THIS AWARD. I LOVE WHAT I AM DOING AND WORKING WITH  
5   THE FARMERS IS VERY REWARDING. THANK YOU ALL FOR RECOGNIZING  
6   THE WORK I DO AND ALSO FOR RECOGNIZING THE FARMERS' MARKETS.  
7   WE ORIGINALLY STARTED OUT WITH 25 MARKETS HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
8   COUNTY AND NOW WE HAVE OVER 100 MARKETS. FARMERS' MARKETS  
9   BRING A COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND THE MARKET BECOMES A MELTING  
10   POT OF MANY NATIONALITIES. I'M VERY FORTUNATE BECAUSE I HAVE A  
11   SENIOR VOLUNTEER WHO ASSIST IN MY MARKETS IN HERMOSA BEACH AND  
12   TORRANCE. THEY ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF MY MARKETS. LAST BUT NOT  
13   LEAST I WANT TO THANK THE HERMOSA BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
14   AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR SUPPORTING ME AS WE PROVIDE  
15   MARKETS THAT BRING QUALITY FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRUITS TO THE  
16   COMMUNITY. ALSO, I HAVE TO THANK MY HUSBAND, JIM, WHO IS A  
17   FARMER, FOR ALL HIS SUPPORT IN LETTING ME BE ME. THANK YOU. [  
18   APPLAUSE ]

19

20   **CURT FLOREN:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SO GLAD THAT MARY LOU IS BEING  
21   RECOGNIZED HERE. SHE OPERATES THREE CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKETS  
22   AND DOES A GREAT JOB WITH THAT. SHE'S DONE AN AWFUL LOT TO  
23   PROMOTE DIRECT MARKETING, HAS SERVED EIGHT YEARS ON THE  
24   CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET ADVISORY BOARD, ADVISING THE  
25   SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SO WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF HER



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1 EFFORTS. IT HAPPENS TO BE NATIONAL FARMERS' MARKET WEEK IN THE  
2 UNITED STATES AND DOWNSTAIRS I WANT TO INVITE EVERYONE TO OUR  
3 ANNUAL CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET ON THE MALL. WE HAVE A  
4 SELECTION OF GROWERS DOWN THERE AND YOU HAVE GREAT OPPORTUNITY  
5 TO TAKE PART AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SOME OF THE LOCAL  
6 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. SO, AFTER THE MEETING AND ALL THE  
7 WORK'S DONE, GO DOWNSTAIRS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. THANK  
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, CURT. I JUST WANTED TO ADD, TOO, WE'RE  
11 FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE, MAKING A TRIP DOWN HERE TO JOIN MARY  
12 LOU IS THE MAYOR OF HERMOSA BEACH, MICHAEL KEEGAN. MICHAEL? IS  
13 HE STILL HERE? HE HAD TO LEAVE BUT HE WAS DOWN HERE EARLIER  
14 WITH MARY LOU. SO WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE. CONGRATULATIONS  
15 AND DON'T FORGET TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FARMERS' MARKET OUT  
16 ON THE MALL TODAY.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ARE YOU  
19 FINISHED? ONE MORE?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE A SAMOYED MIX AND ONE OF THE CUTEST  
22 LITTLE PUPPIES THAT WE HAVE HAD WHO IS ONLY EIGHT WEEKS OLD,  
23 LITTLE BOY, NAMED DOMINO. YOU CAN SEE THIS LITTLE BUTTERBALL  
24 IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. LITTLE DOMINO. SO ANYBODY WHO WOULD  
25 LIKE TO ADOPT DOMINO, HE LIKES FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. SO



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1 PERHAPS SOMEBODY FROM THE FARMERS' MARKET, MARY LOU MIGHT LIKE  
2 TO HAVE HIM. THIS IS LITTLE DOMINO. SO YOU CAN CALL THE  
3 TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN, (562)728-4644,  
4 LITTLE DOMINO WILL BE YOUR LOVED ONE. LOOK AT THAT. HI, HI  
5 EIGHT WEEKS OLD. LOOK AT THIS LITTLE CUTE DOG. I THINK EVEN  
6 CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PUPPY IN HIS  
7 STATION IF HE SAW LITTLE DOMINO. HE'D LOVE TO LIVE ON DETROIT  
8 STREET.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. I JUST DON'T LIVE THERE,  
11 THAT'S ALL.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU COULD DOWN CONRAD'S AND LET MY AUNT PLAY  
14 WITH HIM THEN BRING HIM BACK AND POTTY TRAIN HIM.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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18 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. DOMINO IS ADORABLE. I'M GOING TO CALL  
19 FORWARD EFREM VIOLIN AND HE'S BEEN OUR APPOINTEE TO THE LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS. HE  
21 HAS BEEN AN EXCEPTIONAL APPOINTEE, SHOWING SUCH DEDICATION  
22 TOWARD NOT ONLY THE LIBRARY BUT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS OF THE  
23 CITY OF CULVER CITY, AS WELL. ONE OF HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
24 OVER THE YEARS WAS HIS LEADERSHIP IN PUTTING TOGETHER THE  
25 FIRST SYMPHONY PROGRAM THE CITY HAD SEEN IN OVER 40 YEARS. AND



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1 SOMETHING HE'S MOST PROUD OF IS THAT HE WAS ABLE TO SEE THE  
2 RESTROOMS AT CULVER CITY LIBRARY BECOME A.D.A.-COMPLIANT AFTER  
3 YEARS OF ADVOCACY. HE'S ALSO PLAYED A VITAL ROLE AS A MEMBER  
4 OF THE CULVER CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY. HE'S HELPED TO  
5 RAISE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY THROUGH BOOK SALES AND  
6 INNOVATIVE FUNDRAISERS. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I  
7 PROVIDE THIS SCROLL TO EFREM VIOLIN IN RECOGNITION OF HIS  
8 DEDICATED SERVICE AS A SECOND DISTRICT APPOINTEE TO THE LOS  
9 ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION. [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'RE GOING TO LET HIM SPEAK. AND THEN I WILL HAVE  
12 THE LIBRARIAN SAY A WORD.

13

14 **EFREM VIOLIN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS, I THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR RECOMMENDING ME AND  
16 APPOINTING-- AND THE BOARD FOR APPROVING THAT APPOINTMENT  
17 ACTUALLY, OVER AND OVER AGAIN, SUCH THAT I SERVED FOR SEVERAL  
18 YEARS. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT THE LIBRARY COMMISSION IS SUCH A  
19 HOMOGENOUS GROUP, A DIVERSE GROUP FROM MANY, MANY, MANY PARTS  
20 OF THE COUNTY. IF ALL OF THE COMMISSIONS HAD THE QUALITY THAT  
21 WE HAVE ON THE LIBRARY COMMISSION, WE'D HAVE A GOOD BUNCH OF  
22 COMMISSIONERS AND I THANK THE BOARD AGAIN FOR ITS WISDOM.  
23 THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF  
24 SERVING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** WE HOPE WE CAN GET YOU TO SERVE ON ANOTHER  
2   COMMISSION, AS WELL.

3

4   **MARGARET TODD:** ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ALSO THE  
5   LIBRARY COMMISSION, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF  
6   SERVICE. YOU HAVE BEEN A TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR PUBLIC  
7   LIBRARIES AND FOR FUNDING AND FOR ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND ALL  
8   THE THINGS THAT WE NEED AND WE ARE SO APPRECIATIVE. YOU'VE  
9   ALSO BEEN WILLING TO ADVOCATE FOR US IN SACRAMENTO AND AT THE  
10   FEDERAL LEVEL FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES. SO WE WISH YOU WELL IN ALL  
11   YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. WE KNOW YOU'LL STAY ACTIVE WITH CULVER  
12   CITY LIBRARY.

13

14   **EFREM VIOLIN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16   **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. LET'S TAKE A PICTURE ALTOGETHER.

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18   **SUP. BURKE:** THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS.

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20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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22   **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE NO PRESENTATIONS. I JUST DID MINE.

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24   **SUP. BURKE:** I SURE WILL. YES, I WILL.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE UP  
2 FIRST.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD WE HAVE MR. WOLFE ON PUBLIC WORKS FOR  
5 49- A?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 49- A? DO WE HAVE STAFF HERE?  
8 PUBLIC WORKS STAFF? THAT'S GOOD.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. WOLFE, PERHAPS YOU COULD BRIEF THE BOARD  
11 AS TO THE NUMBER OF BRIDGES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND HOW MANY  
12 ARE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

13

14 **DON WOLFE:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS DON WOLFE, DIRECTOR OF  
15 PUBLIC WORKS. WE HAVE 1,254 BRIDGES THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS  
16 ANGELES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTING AND, OF THOSE, 328 OF  
17 THOSE ARE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED BRIDGES. IN ADDITION TO THAT  
18 328 BRIDGES THAT WE INSPECT UNDER FEDERAL LAW REQUIREMENTS, WE  
19 ALSO HAVE 208 SHORT SPAN BRIDGES, IN ADDITION TO THAT THAT WE  
20 ALSO INSPECT.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 200 WHAT?

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24 **DON WOLFE:** 208 SHORT SPAN BRIDGES. SO WE HAVE A TOTAL OF ABOUT  
25 536 BRIDGES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. AGAIN, A TOTAL OF



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1 1,254 THAT WE INSPECT UNDER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS ON  
2 A BIENNIAL BASIS. WE DON'T INSPECT CALTRANS BRIDGES AND WE  
3 DON'T INSPECT CITY OF L.A. BRIDGES. AND, UNFORTUNATELY, I WAS  
4 NOT ABLE TO FIND OUT THIS MORNING HOW MANY THOSE ARE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO ANY OF OUR BRIDGES HAVE THE TYPE OF  
7 STRUCTURE THAT OCCURRED IN HENNEPIN?

8

9 **DON WOLFE:** WE HAVE JUST ONE BRIDGE OF THE TYPE THAT FAILED IN  
10 MINNESOTA AND THAT BRIDGE IS ON THE EAST FORK OF THE SAN  
11 GABRIEL RIVER NORTH OF THE SAN GABRIEL DAM. IT IS MADE OF A  
12 SERIES OF VERY SHORT SPANS, A TWO LANE BRIDGE, VERY LOW  
13 TRAFFIC. WE INSPECT THAT BRIDGE ON A BIENNIAL BASIS AND WE DO  
14 SO WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF CALTRANS EXPERTS ON THAT TYPE OF  
15 BRIDGE. AND THE LAST INSPECTION WAS MARCH OF THIS YEAR AND IT  
16 GOT A VERY GOOD RATING.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE ANY OF THE UNINCORPORATED BRIDGES, HAVE  
19 THEY BEEN DECLARED TO BE STRUCTURAL DEFICIENT BY THE FEDERAL  
20 GOVERNMENT OR ANY OF THE OTHER 88 CITY BRIDGES?

21

22 **DON WOLFE:** OF THE BRIDGES THAT WE INSPECT, I BELIEVE WE HAVE  
23 10 THAT ARE ON THE LIST, FEDERAL LIST OF DEFICIENT BRIDGES.  
24 THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THOSE BRIDGES ARE SUBJECT TO FAILURE OR  
25 STRUCTURALLY UNSAFE. IT MEANS THAT THEY'VE REACHED THEIR



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1 PERIOD OF TIME WHERE THEY NEED MAINTENANCE OR ABOVE AND BEYOND  
2 YOUR NORMAL ROUTINE MAINTENANCE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW OFTEN DO WE INSPECT OUR BRIDGES?

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6 **DON WOLFE:** EVERY TWO YEARS WE INSPECT THEM.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE A PROGRAM TO  
9 ENSURE BOTH THE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND CORRECTION OF  
10 DEFICIENCIES?

11

12 **DON WOLFE:** YES, WE DO, SUPERVISOR. ANY DEFICIENCY THAT WE FIND  
13 THAT NEEDS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION IS TAKEN CARE OF. OBVIOUSLY,  
14 BRIDGES ARE NOT DESIGNED TO LAST FOREVER, SO WE PUT THEM ON A  
15 PRIORITY LIST FOR FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT.  
16 THEREFORE, THAT TERM "DEFICIENT BRIDGE" COMES INTO PLAY AS FAR  
17 AS PRIORITIZING.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW DO WE TRAIN AND ENSURE THAT OUR  
20 BRIDGE INSPECTORS ARE CURRENT AS TO REGULATIONS AND CODE  
21 ENFORCEMENT?

22

23 **DON WOLFE:** OUR INSPECTION TEAMS ARE MADE UP OF REGISTERED  
24 ENGINEERS WITH EXPERTISE IN BRIDGE DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE. AND  
25 THEN ALSO WE HAVE OUR BRIDGE INSPECTORS AND THEY ALL ATTEND



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1 NATIONAL HIGHWAY INSTITUTE SAFETY INSPECTION IN-SERVICE  
2 BRIDGES COURSES THAT ARE REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW THAT WE HAVE  
3 THOSE EXPERTISE AND THOSE CERTIFICATIONS IN ORDER TO INSPECT  
4 OUR BRIDGES.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE RECENTLY ADOPTED STATEWIDE BOND MEASURES  
7 THAT INCLUDE FUNDS FOR BRIDGE SAFETY, ARE WE PROGRAMMED TO  
8 RECEIVE SOME OF THOSE FUNDS?

9

10 **DON WOLFE:** THE ALLOCATIONS HAVEN'T YET BEEN ASSIGNED BUT, YES,  
11 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WILL RECEIVE THEIR SHARE BY FORMULA  
12 OF THE FUNDS AS THEY'RE DISTRIBUTED AND THERE ARE FUNDS IN  
13 THERE FOR BRIDGE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY,  
14 FOR THE MATCHING SHARE FOR THE SEISMIC RETROFIT OF BRIDGES.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE ONE BRIDGE THAT YOU SAID WE HAD A  
17 PROBLEM WITH BUT YOU ARE CONTINUING TO REVIEW IT, DO YOU HAVE  
18 FUNDING IDENTIFIED TO ENSURE THAT IT'S STRUCTURALLY SAFE AND  
19 SOUND AND NOT ON THE DANGER LIST?

20

21 **DON WOLFE:** SUPERVISOR, I'M NOT SURE WHAT BRIDGE THAT IS?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT THE ONE IN SAN GABRIEL THAT YOU WERE  
24 MENTIONING?

25





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1   **DON WOLFE:** OH, THAT BRIDGE IS THE SAME TYPE OF BRIDGE,  
2   SUPERVISOR, THAT FAILED IN MINNESOTA AND THAT BRIDGE PASSED  
3   ITS INSPECTION IN MARCH AND THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH IT.

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE HAVE-- NONE OF OUR BRIDGES HAVE ANY  
6   PROBLEMS?

7

8   **DON WOLFE:** NONE OF OUR BRIDGES ARE UNSAFE FOR THE LOADS THAT  
9   THEY ARE DESIGNED FOR.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

12

13   **DON WOLFE:** THANK YOU.

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION?  
16   IF NOT, ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DON, STAY THERE FOR THE NEXT ITEM.

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE ITEM 49-A.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM 9, IT'S RELATIVE TO THE TORLAKSON  
23   LEGISLATION. QUESTION WOULD BE THAT IS IT TRUE THAT THE  
24   MAJORITY OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MANAGING STORM WATER RUNOFF  
25   ARE THE RESULT OF FEDERAL AND STATE MANDATES?



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2 **DON WOLFE:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. THE STATE-- OR FEDERAL  
3 CLEAN WATER ACT AND THE STATE CLEAN WATER ACT, I CAN'T  
4 REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE ACT RIGHT NOW, BUT ANYWAY THEY BOTH  
5 APPLY AND THEY ARE ENFORCED LOCALLY BY THE REGIONAL WATER  
6 QUALITY CONTROL BOARD THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO THE  
7 MUNICIPALITIES AND THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF  
8 LOS ANGELES.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO GENERAL FUND MONEY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR  
11 THIS ITEM?

12

13 **DON WOLFE:** GENERAL FUND MONEY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT ITEM IF  
14 THERE ARE NO OTHER FUNDING AVAILABLE. THE PERMITS ISSUED TO 84  
15 CITIES, TO CALTRANS AND THEN THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT IS A  
16 SEPARATE PERMITTEE. OBVIOUSLY, THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, FOR  
17 ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, USES THE REVENUES THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO  
18 THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT THROUGH THE GENERAL TAX LEVY AND  
19 THE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT. BUT MOST OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
20 WITHIN THE COUNTY ARE USING A GREAT DEAL OF GENERAL FUND MONEY  
21 IN ORDER TO MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS. IN FACT, THE COUNTY OF LOS  
22 ANGELES HAS PROGRAMMED, I BELIEVE, \$10.7 MILLION IN GENERAL  
23 FUND MONEY TO MEET THE COUNTY, NOT THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS  
24 BUT THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATION FOR THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. IN  
25 ADDITION, THE ROAD, THE ROAD FUND AND THE SEWER MAINTENANCE



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1 FUNDS AND WATER WORKS, ET CETERA, ALL SPEND CONSIDERABLE  
2 AMOUNTS OF MONEY IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS  
3 ANGELES' OBLIGATION AS OPPOSED TO THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S  
4 OBLIGATION.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THIS IS A RESULT OF A FEDERAL AND/OR  
7 STATE MANDATE? WHAT IS THE MECHANISM IN PLACE TO BE REIMBURSED  
8 FOR THAT MANDATE?

9

10 **DON WOLFE:** WELL, RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE NOT BEEN REIMBURSED FOR  
11 THE MANDATE. WE HAVE A CLAIM IN WITH THE STATE FOR  
12 REIMBURSEMENT FOR WHAT WE FEEL ARE REQUIREMENTS THAT THE STATE  
13 HAS IMPOSED ABOVE AND BEYOND THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS, WHICH  
14 WOULD BE AN UNFUNDED STATE MANDATE. WE JUST FINISHED  
15 LITIGATION OVER THAT ISSUE WHERE THE COUNTY DID PREVAIL. THE  
16 COURTS FOUND THAT IT WAS ELIGIBLE FOR A CLAIM TO BE PLACED SO  
17 IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE REINSTATED OUR CLAIM AND THAT WE  
18 WILL BE ADDING THINGS TO THAT CLAIM THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE  
19 WE ORIGINALLY PUT IT IN AND HAD IT REJECTED.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S YOUR ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST OF  
22 COMPLYING FOR THESE FEDERAL AND STATE MANDATES FOR THE COUNTY?

23

24 **DON WOLFE:** THE ESTIMATES, SUPERVISOR, RANGE WILDLY OVER THE  
25 NEXT 20 YEARS, FROM 50 BILLION TO 350 BILLION AND THERE'S A



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1 REASON FOR THE VARIATION. IT DEPENDS TO BE HOW HIGH THE  
2 REGIONAL BOARD CONTINUES TO SET THE BAR FOR THE PERMIT AS WELL  
3 AS THE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS THAT THEY'RE IMPOSING AND THE  
4 REGIONAL BOARD HAS BEEN SETTING THE BAR FAIRLY HIGH. SO  
5 SOMEWHERE IN THAT RANGE. AND, EVEN IF WE ASSUME IT'S 50  
6 BILLION, SUPERVISOR, OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS, THAT'S AN  
7 ASTRONOMICAL NUMBER, AND THAT'S REALLY KIND OF THE LOW END  
8 NUMBER FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS. SO, CURRENTLY,  
9 COUNTYWIDE, COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND ALL THE CITIES  
10 ARE SPENDING MONEY AT ABOUT A \$350 MILLION A YEAR CLIP. THAT'S  
11 GOING TO HAVE TO BE RATCHETED UP CONSIDERABLY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO 300 MILLION. WHAT IS THE COUNTY SHARE OF  
14 THAT COST? OR COUNTY'S?

15

16 **DON WOLFE:** CURRENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT'S SPENDING ABOUT \$68  
17 MILLION A YEAR FOR BOTH THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE  
18 OTHER FUNDS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT THAT HAVE TO BE EXPENDED.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT OF THAT 58 MILLION, THAT IS THE  
21 ASSESSMENT THAT'S ON THE PROPERTY TAX. THAT'S WHERE THAT  
22 REVENUE IS COMING FROM, RIGHT?

23

24 **DON WOLFE:** IF IT'S FLOOD CONTROL, YES, IT COMES FROM THE FLOOD  
25 CONTROL ASSESSMENTS, BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AND THE GENERAL



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1 PROPERTY TAX LEVY THAT GOES TO THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. IF  
2 IT'S ROAD TAX, IF IT'S ROAD MONIES, IT COMES OUT OF THE GAS  
3 TAX FUND.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU HAVE MONEY IDENTIFIED WHICH VOTERS  
6 HAVE ALREADY APPROVED FOR THOSE PARTICULAR PROJECTS?

7

8 **DON WOLFE:** THOSE VOTERS APPROVED THOSE FUNDS FOR OTHER THINGS  
9 BESIDES CLEAN WATER BUT WE'RE HAVING TO DIVERT IT TO CLEAN  
10 WATER COMPLIANCE, YES.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT NOW, BECAUSE OF NEW FEDERAL AND STATE  
13 MANDATES, YOU ARE BEING GIVEN ANOTHER MULTIBILLION DOLLAR HIT.  
14 AND THE QUESTION IS, WILL THE STATE AND/OR THE FEDERAL  
15 GOVERNMENT REIMBURSE US OR NOT? THAT'S THE QUESTION, RIGHT?

16

17 **DON WOLFE:** THAT'S THE QUESTION AND MY OPINION IS THE ANSWER IS  
18 ABSOLUTELY NO.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, UNDER EXISTING LAW, THE FEE FOR STORM  
21 WATER MANAGEMENT, THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A VOTE FOR ALL  
22 THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE DISTRICT.

23



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1   **DON WOLFE:** THAT'S CORRECT. PROP 218 WOULD REQUIRE A VOTE UNDER  
2   THERE, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN  
3   ORDER TO GET THE...

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WOULD THAT VOTE INCLUDE ALL OF THE PEOPLE  
6   WITHIN THE COUNTY? OR JUST THOSE WHO ARE WITHIN THE FLOOD  
7   CONTROL DISTRICT?

8

9   **DON WOLFE:** IT WOULD DEPEND ON HOW WE SET UP THE BALLOT,  
10   SUPERVISOR. WE COULD DO IT WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE DISTRICT  
11   OR A COUNTYWIDE BALLOT. THE FOLKS UP IN THE NORTHERN PART OF  
12   THE COUNTY RIGHT NOW ARE NOT FACED WITH COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
13   CLEAN WATER ACT BUT IT IS COMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THIS PROPOSAL THAT'S BEFORE THIS BOARD  
16   TODAY TO RECOMMEND OR TO OPPOSE THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
17   IS TO BYPASS THE VOTERS' ABILITY TO VOTE ON THIS TAX INCREASE  
18   AND TO GIVE THAT AUTHORITY EXCLUSIVELY TO THE BOARD OF  
19   SUPERVISORS.

20

21   **DON WOLFE:** THAT'S NOT MY UNDERSTANDING BUT MAYBE COUNTY  
22   COUNSEL COULD ANSWER THAT BETTER. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT--  
23   AGAIN, THAT'S OUT OF MY RANGE.

24





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1 >**RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
2 THE PASSAGE OF S.C.A. 12 WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF ACCEPTING  
3 FROM THE VOTER APPROVAL REQUIREMENT FUNDS OR A TAX OR A FEE  
4 FOR STORM WATER PURPOSES. IT WOULD STILL BE SUBJECT TO THE  
5 MAJORITY PROTEST PROVISION AS THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO HOLD A  
6 PUBLIC HEARING, WHICH, IF A MAJORITY OF PROTESTS WERE LODGED,  
7 THE FEE COULD NOT BE IMPOSED. BUT, THAT WAY, IF THE MAJORITY  
8 PROTEST WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL, THE BOARD COULD THEN IMPOSE THE  
9 FEE WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE PUBLIC.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHAT IT DOES, IT GIVES-- CORRECT ME IF  
12 I'M-- RAY, THE BOARD HAS THE ABILITY TO PASS THIS TAX AND ONLY  
13 IF A MAJORITY OF PEOPLE THEN ORGANIZE TO OPPOSE IT WOULD IT GO  
14 TO THE BALLOT?

15

16 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** NO. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF S.C.A.  
17 12, IF SUCCESSFUL, THERE WOULD BE A MAJORITY PROTEST BEFORE  
18 THE FEE COULD BE IMPOSED. A MAJORITY-- A PUBLIC HEARING AND  
19 MAJORITY PROTEST PROCESS. IF THAT WERE SUCCESSFUL, THEN THERE  
20 WOULD BE NO FEE. IF IT WERE UNSUCCESSFUL, IF THE MAJORITY  
21 PROTEST WERE UNSUCCESSFUL, THAT FEE COULD THEN BE IMPOSED  
22 WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

23



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT PROTEST WOULD  
2   THEN BE THAT THE VOTERS WOULD HAVE TO ORGANIZE AND HAVE A  
3   MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE WITHIN THE ENTIRE COUNTY?

4

5   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT'S CORRECT.

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. SO, UNDER THE CURRENT SYSTEM, IS IT  
8   PROP 218? 213? WHAT IS IT, 218?

9

10   **DON WOLFE:** 218

11

12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** UNDER THE CURRENT SYSTEM, THE BOARD PLACES IT  
13   ON THE BALLOT AND THEN THE PEOPLE VOTE. SO THE RESPONSIBILITY  
14   IS ON THE BOARD TO GIVE THE PEOPLE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. WHEREAS  
15   IF THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS APPROVED, THEN THE PEOPLE  
16   WILL HAVE TO SPEND THEIR TIME AND THEIR RESOURCES TO GET  
17   INITIATIVES, PETITIONS SIGNED AND CIRCULATED WITH A SPECIFIC  
18   TIMEFRAME, OTHERWISE IT AUTOMATICALLY WILL BECOME A TAX,  
19   RIGHT?

20

21   **DON WOLFE:** ISN'T IT A FACT THAT WE WOULD ACTUALLY HAVE TO SEND  
22   OUT BALLOTS TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE MAJORITY PROTESTS  
23   PRIOR TO PUBLIC HEARING?

24



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1   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** YES, A NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING  
2   WOULD HAVE TO BE SENT TO EVERY PROPERTY OWNER, YES.

3

4   **SUP. KNABE:** JUST A NOTICE, THOUGH. WHAT THIS REALLY DOES IS  
5   EXEMPTS-- WOULD ADD-- YOU KNOW, RIGHT NOW, THE EXEMPTIONS ARE,  
6   I BELIEVE, WATER, SEWAGE AND GARBAGE-RELATED FEES AND THIS  
7   S.C.A. 12 WOULD ADD A FOURTH EXEMPTION, WHICH WOULD BE STORM  
8   WATER RUNOFF FEES. SO, BASICALLY, IT DOES REMOVE IT FROM THE  
9   PROVISIONS OF 218.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S RIGHT. THEN THIS IS REALLY AN UNFUNDED  
12   MANDATE THAT'S BEING IMPOSED. AND, MR. FORTNER, DO WE HAVE ANY  
13   PENDING LEGISLATION OR ARE WE CONTEMPLATING ANY FURTHER  
14   LITIGATION TO RECOVER THESE FUNDS?

15

16   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** NO. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING WE HAVE NO  
17   PENDING LITIGATION OTHER THAN PURSUING THE CLAIMS BEFORE THE  
18   COMMISSION FOR STATE MANDATES FOR THE ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN  
19   REIMBURSABLE PURSUANT TO OUR RECENTLY SUCCESSFUL LITIGATION,  
20   THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR FURTHER LITIGATION. IT IS MY  
21   UNDERSTANDING THAT MOST OF THESE COSTS ARE FEDERAL MANDATES,  
22   WHICH ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE S.B. 90 PROVISIONS FOR  
23   REIMBURSABLE...

24



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1   **DON WOLFE:** OUR CLAIM WOULD ONLY BE FOR THOSE ABOVE AND BEYOND  
2   THE FEDERAL MANDATE AND THE FEDERAL MANDATE SETS THE BAR  
3   PRETTY HIGH.

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. AND THIS IS WHERE OUR CONGRESSIONAL  
6   DELEGATIONS, INSTEAD OF BUILDING BRIDGES TO NOWHERE, OUGHT TO  
7   BE FOCUSING IN ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S-- MANDATES ON LOCAL  
8   GOVERNMENTS TO REIMBURSE THOSE COUNTIES AND CITIES IS WHAT  
9   THEIR ATTENTION OUGHT TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD AND NOT HAVING THE  
10   LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR  
11   TAXPAYERS TO OPPOSE FUTURE TAX INCREASES, WHICH PROP 218 WAS  
12   AN ATTEMPT TO PROTECT THE TAXPAYER, REGARDLESS OF THE ISSUE,  
13   BY HAVING A DIRECT VOICE AND NOT HAVING TO GO GET ORGANIZED  
14   AND SPEND TIME AND MONEY UNDER A SHORT TIMEFRAME TO OPPOSE ANY  
15   TAX BEING IMPOSED BY A LOCAL AGENCY FOR A STATE OR FEDERAL  
16   MANDATED PROGRAM. THAT'S WHY I OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL, MR.  
17   CHAIRMAN.

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FOR THIS AMENDMENT TO GO FORWARD,  
20   FOR THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO GO FORWARD, THE PEOPLE OF  
21   CALIFORNIA WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE IT, IS THAT CORRECT?

22

23   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT'S CORRECT.

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IN A SIMPLE MAJORITY, IT'S A RARE-  
2   - IN CALIFORNIA, THAT'S NEWS. BUT IT IS A SIMPLE MAJORITY TO  
3   AMEND THE CONSTITUTION BUT IT WOULD REQUIRE A VOTE OF THE  
4   PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA TO IMPLEMENT THAT. IF THE PEOPLE DON'T  
5   VOTE FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, IT WON'T BE APPROVED.

6

7   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT'S CORRECT.

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND WE WOULD BE-- WE'D HAVE THE  
10   STATUS QUO. ANYWAY, LET'S HOLD THIS ON THE TABLE UNTIL MS.  
11   MOLINA GETS HERE, UNLESS THERE IS ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION. DON,  
12   I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANTED TO ADD ANYTHING. MS. BURKE?

13

14   **SUP. BURKE:** I'D JUST LIKE TO ASK MR. WOLFE HOW MUCH WE'VE  
15   ALREADY EXPENDED ON THIS FROM OUR FUNDS IN SATISFYING THIS  
16   STORM WATER? HOW MUCH HAVE WE EXPENDED SO FAR FROM THE COUNTY?

17

18   **DON WOLFE:** FROM THE COUNTY, RIGHT NOW, WE'RE SPENDING AT  
19   ABOUT-- FOR THE DEPARTMENT, AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE SPENDING  
20   MONEY. PARKS AND REC, OF COURSE, HAS REQUIREMENTS, ET CETERA.  
21   BEACHES AND HARBOR SPENDS A LOT OF MONEY. I DON'T KNOW THOSE  
22   NUMBERS. BUT MY DEPARTMENT SPENDS ABOUT \$65 MILLION A YEAR.  
23   WE'VE BEEN IN THIS BUSINESS SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY FOR ABOUT  
24   10 YEARS SO YOU'RE STARTING TO APPROACH 500 MILLION, MAYBE 600  
25   MILLION SO FAR THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS SPENT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK THAT THE AMOUNT THAT WE'RE  
3 SPENDING IS SIGNIFICANT. \$60 MILLION? SO WE REALLY NEED SOME  
4 METHOD OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THIS.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND THAT FIGURE IS GOING TO GO UP.  
7 60 IS CHEAP.

8

9 **DON WOLFE:** IF WE DON'T COMPLY WITH THE CLEAN WATER ACT, WE  
10 WILL EVENTUALLY BE UNDER A COURT ORDER TO COMPLY. WE ARE  
11 ALREADY THREATENED WITH A LAWSUIT FROM N.R.D.C. FOR  
12 NONCOMPLIANCE IN THE NORTH SANTA MONICA BAY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND IF WE FACE A COURT ORDER TO  
15 COMPLY AND WE DON'T HAVE A MECHANISM TO RAISE THE FUNDS TO  
16 BRING OURSELVES INTO COMPLIANCE, THAT IS, CONSISTENT WITH  
17 S.C.A. 12, HOW WOULD WE PAY FOR IT?

18

19 **DON WOLFE:** IF THE ORDER IS AGAINST THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT,  
20 THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO DIVERT TREMENDOUS AMOUNTS OF MONEY,  
21 FURTHER MONEY, FROM MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS AND PROBABLY  
22 SHUT DOWN VERY CRITICAL THINGS LIKE OUR WATER CONSERVATION  
23 EFFORTS, OUR EFFORTS WITH THE SEA WATER BARRIERS AND THINGS  
24 LIKE THAT THAT AREN'T MANDATORY FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY. WE  
25 COULD NOT STOP OPERATING OUR DAMS, ET CETERA SO IT WOULD HAVE





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1 AN IMPACT ON OUR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND OUR OPERATIONS IN  
2 SOME CRITICAL AREAS IN THE COUNTY. IF THE ORDER IS AGAINST THE  
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THEN THE C.A.O. WOULD HAVE TO COME UP  
4 WITH THE MONEY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE GENERAL FUNDS OR IT COULD BE  
7 BOTH.

8

9 **DON WOLFE:** MORE LIKELY BE BOTH, SIR.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO I THINK BASICALLY EVERYBODY WHO  
12 HAS FOLLOWED THIS ISSUE UNDERSTANDS WHAT'S COMING. AND THE  
13 LONGER WE WAIT-- THIS IS, I WOULDN'T CALL IT A SIDE SHOW, BUT  
14 IT'S ALMOST A SIDE SHOW. IT'S A TOOL TO ENABLE THIS COUNTY AND  
15 OTHERS TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH CLEAN WATER STANDARDS,  
16 WHETHER WE LIKE THEM OR NOT. I HAPPEN, GENERALLY, TO LIKE  
17 CLEAN WATER OVER THE ALTERNATIVE. I'D RATHER HAVE CLEAN OCEAN,  
18 CLEAN BEACHES THAN POLLUTED ONES, CLEAN RIVERS RATHER THAN  
19 POLLUTED ONES AND I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WOULD DISAGREE WITH  
20 THAT. IT DOESN'T COME FOR NOTHING. AND IF WE HAVE TO START  
21 CHOOSING BETWEEN OTHER VITAL SERVICES AND THIS, IT'S NOT GOING  
22 TO BE A PRETTY PICTURE. AND THIS IS GOING TO GROW FASTER THAN  
23 THE SHERIFF'S JAIL BUDGET AND THAT'S BEEN GROWING PRETTY FAST  
24 AND THE NUMBERS ARE MUCH, MUCH HIGHER, MUCH HIGHER. YOU'RE  
25 GOING TO BE WELL INTO NINE FIGURES ON YOUR STORM WATER



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1 COMPLIANCE ISSUES, WELL BEYOND THE 65 MILLION YOU'RE IN NOW. I  
2 THINK YOU KNOW IT, WE ALL KNOW IT. SO THERE'S BEEN A  
3 CONSIDERABLE EFFORT STATEWIDE AND EVEN IN THIS COUNTY AND YOUR  
4 DEPARTMENT, AND I APPRECIATE THE WORK YOUR DEPARTMENT HAS  
5 BEGUN TO DO ON IT TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO POSITION  
6 OURSELVES TO BE POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND COMPLIANT RATHER  
7 THAN RECALCITRANT AND LITIGIOUS. SO WE END UP FIGHTING THE  
8 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT EVERY  
9 SINGLE TURN IN COURT, WHICH COSTS US A LOT OF MONEY, TOO, AND  
10 WE USUALLY LOSE AND END UP IN CONSENT DECREES AND YOU'LL HAVE  
11 A JUDGE RUNNING OUR FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM AND THE STORM DRAIN  
12 SYSTEM, WHICH IS ALWAYS AN INVITING POSSIBILITY, TO HAVE A  
13 JUDGE DECIDING THESE COMPLICATED ENGINEERING ISSUES. SO,  
14 ANYWAY, THE POINT OF THIS IS WE HAVE TO HAVE AS MANY TOOLS IN  
15 OUR TOOLBOX AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. WHETHER WE'LL GET THIS TOOL  
16 WILL DEPEND ON THE PEOPLE OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WELL, FIRST,  
17 IT'LL DEPEND UPON THE LEGISLATURE WHETHER THEY PUT THIS ON THE  
18 BALLOT FOR THE PEOPLE TO VOTE ON. IF THE PEOPLE THEN VOTE ON  
19 IT, IF IT GETS ON THE BALLOT, THEN WE WILL HAVE THE DECISION  
20 TO MAKE HOW OR WHEN WE WANT TO EXERCISE THIS OPTION. LONG WAY  
21 TO GO. BUT TO FORECLOSE OPTIONS I THINK IS A MISTAKE.  
22 ANYWAY...

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I JUST HAVE TO ADD ONE THING. WE'RE  
25 ALL FOR, YOU KNOW, WE WANT CLEAN WATER BUT THOSE OF US WHO ARE



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1 DOWNSTREAM HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE METHOD  
2 OF ALLOCATING FINES AND THE METHOD OF HOW ALL OF THESE LAWS  
3 HAVE BEEN ENFORCED. AND, UNFORTUNATELY, THEY'VE ALL GONE TO  
4 COURT BUT I THINK THAT'S A SEPARATE ISSUE FROM HOW YOU'RE  
5 MAKING AVAILABLE SOME FUNDS FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE THE ONES  
6 WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF ALL OF THAT RUBBISH AND EVERYTHING,  
7 THAT RUNOFF THAT COMES FROM THE MOUNTAIN STREAMS AND THAT  
8 COMES DOWN TO OUR STREETS. AND, DEPENDING UPON WHICH SECTION  
9 YOU'RE ON, WHETHER OR NOT IT'S GOING TO BE STORM WATER OR  
10 WHETHER IT'S COMING DOWN THROUGH THE STREETS. SO THOSE ARE  
11 SEPARATE ISSUES, I THINK, THAT WE HAVE TO SEPARATE OUT FROM  
12 HAVING SOME AVAILABILITY OF A SOURCE TO RAISE MONEY TO TRY TO  
13 MEET THE STANDARDS BUT WE'VE GOT TO TALK ABOUT THE STANDARDS,  
14 TOO, AND WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT HOW FINES ARE ALLOCATED AND  
15 SOME OF THOSE THINGS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HOLD THIS ON THE  
18 TABLE UNTIL MS. MOLINA GETS HERE. MIKE, DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER  
19 ITEMS?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 2 IS A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR  
22 YAROSLAVSKY AND MYSELF AND IT'S TO STANDARDIZE THE APPEALS  
23 PERIOD FOR APPEALS COMING TO THE BOARD, WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE  
24 THE TRANSCRIPTION FEES FOR APPELLANTS. AND THIS WILL NOT



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1 SHORTEN THE APPEAL PROCESS BUT IT WILL ALLOW THOSE WHO ARE  
2 APPEALING TO MAKE IT AFFORDABLE FOR THEM TO APPEAL.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DON, YOU HELD THAT ITEM.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I HAD A COUPLE QUESTIONS FOR COUNTY COUNSEL.  
7 RAY? I HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE COUNTY COUNSEL.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 2.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, THIS IS ON ITEM 2. OBVIOUSLY, I'M GENERALLY  
12 SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MOTION AND I KNOW THE INTENTIONS HERE ARE  
13 GOOD, PARTICULARLY THE PART ABOUT NOT CHARGING THE APPELLANTS  
14 FOR THE TRANSCRIPTS OF PAST HEARINGS BUT I HAVE TO ASK, WITH  
15 ALL THESE CHANGES BEING REQUESTED, WOULD THAT RESULT IN THE 15  
16 DAY APPEAL PERIOD BECOMING LONGER, SHORTER OR STAYING THE  
17 SAME? IT IS REALLY NOT CLEAR.

18

19 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I  
20 THINK WE NEED TO DO SOME WORK TO DETERMINE HOW BEST TO RESOLVE  
21 THE AMBIGUITIES BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE APPEAL PERIODS. THE  
22 APPEAL PERIODS FOR SUBDIVISIONS IS SET FORTH BY STATE LAW AND  
23 THAT IS LIMITED TO 10 DAYS. SO ONE OPTION WOULD BE TO SHORTEN  
24 OUR EXISTING 15-DAY APPEAL PERIOD BUT THAT MAY NOT BE WHAT THE  
25 BOARD IS LOOKING FOR. THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO RECONCILE THEM



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1 IN TERMS OF WHEN THE APPEAL PERIOD STARTS WITHOUT ACTUALLY  
2 RECONCILING THE DAY. SO THAT WILL REMAIN TO BE SEEN AND YOUR  
3 BOARD WILL HAVE A FULL OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT  
4 THE WAY WE PROPOSE TO RESOLVE IT IS SATISFACTORY.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, MY CONCERN THERE IS THAT STANDARDIZING, I  
7 MEAN, THAT'S WHAT'S REALLY NOT CLEAR BECAUSE THE ONE THING WE  
8 DON'T WANT TO HAPPEN IS WE DON'T WANT TO CREATE A SITUATION  
9 WHERE REGIONAL PLANNING ISN'T ISSUING THE FINAL DECISION  
10 LETTER FOR 10 DAYS AND THAT EATS UP 10 DAYS OF THE 15-DAY  
11 APPEAL PERIOD AND THAT REALLY, YOU KNOW, GIVES THE FOLKS ONLY,  
12 YOU KNOW, FIVE DAYS TO GET THEIR APPEALS SUBMITTED. SO THAT  
13 REALLY DOESN'T SOUND VERY REASONABLE.

14

15 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I THINK THE STAFF OF THE RESPECTIVE  
16 DEPARTMENTS RECOGNIZE THAT OUR APPEAL PROCESS CAN BE IMPROVED  
17 IN TERMS OF STANDARDIZING WHEN THE APPEAL PERIOD STARTS TO  
18 MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE AN ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. BECAUSE A LOT OF THE ASSOCIATIONS, HOMEOWNER  
21 GROUPS, THEY ONLY MEET ONCE A MONTH. ALSO, WITH WHAT IS BEING  
22 PROPOSED IN LINE WITH WHAT OTHER JURISDICTIONS ARE DOING?

23

24 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WE, INFORMALLY, IN THE PAST, I  
25 BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING HAS CANVASSED SOME



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1 OF THE OTHER ENTITIES. SOME ENTITIES HAVE AS SHORT AS A 10-DAY  
2 PERIOD FOR APPEALS, SOME HAVE LONGER. WE CAN, IN CONNECTION  
3 WITH OUR RESEARCH, DO SOME MORE EXAMINATION OF OTHER ENTITIES  
4 AND SEE WHETHER OR NOT SOMEBODY ELSE CAN PROVIDE US WITH A  
5 MODEL FOR THE BEST WAY FOR US TO DO IT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** MIKE AND ZEV, IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE TO ADD A  
8 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT IN SUPPORTING THE MOTION BUT I'D LIKE TO  
9 AMEND IT TO DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO WORK WITH REGIONAL  
10 PLANNING TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION BACK IN 60 DAYS ON HOW  
11 OTHER JURISDICTIONS ARE HANDLING THEIR ZONING APPEALS TO SEE  
12 IF WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED AS FAIR AND REASONABLE. THAT WOULD  
13 BE...

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO ARE YOU ASKING THAT...

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** COUNTY COUNSEL BE INCLUDED.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, I KNOW. BE INCLUDED IN THIS  
20 STUDY, IN THIS REVIEW?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT.

23



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT,  
2   MIKE? FINE. NO OBJECTION. WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US.  
3   ANTONOVICH MOVES, I'LL SECOND, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

4

5   **SUP. KNABE:** AS AMENDED, RIGHT?

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AS AMENDED.

8

9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
10   TODAY WITH HARRY "CHRIS" CHRISTOPHERSON WHO WAS A WORLD WAR II  
11   MERCHANT MARINE OFFICER AND RECEIVED MANY RIBBONS, CITATIONS  
12   FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE ATLANTIC, THE PACIFIC AND THE MIDDLE  
13   EAST, ALONG WITH THE VICTORY MEDAL. HE WAS A VOLUNTEER AT  
14   LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE TAUGHT STUDENTS ABOUT THE  
15   GREATEST GENERATION'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PEACE AND SECURITY.  
16   GLADYS CRAIL MINCHIN, 84. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF FORMER  
17   CALIFORNIA CONGRESSMAN, JOE CRAIL. GRADUATED U.S.C. ACTIVE ON  
18   THE CAMPUS. MEMBER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
19   AND OF THE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR COLLEGE SCIENCES FOUNDATION  
20   SCHOLARSHIP FUND. SHE HAD DEDICATED HERSELF TO THE NATION'S  
21   PRESERVATION, EDUCATION AND PHILANTHROPY. SHE LEAVES HER  
22   CHILDREN AND MANY COUSINS. NANCY GATE PAGE, 30-YEAR RESIDENT  
23   OF THE LEONA VALLEY, PASSED AWAY AUGUST 3RD. SCOTT CRAIG  
24   SMITH, ALSO OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE GRADUATED THE ANTELOPE  
25   VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND WAS NAMED SENIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AS





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1 A STUDENT WITH A GRADUATE DEGREE IN COMMUNICATIONS AND BIOLOGY  
2 FROM THE UNIVERSITY PACIFIC IN STOCKTON. A LADY I HAD KNOWN,  
3 RUTH MULAN CHU CHAO, WHO WAS A DEVOTED WIFE, MOTHER AND  
4 PHILANTHROPIST AND ASIAN SCHOLAR, SHE PASSED AWAY AUGUST 3RD.  
5 SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF FIVE. AND AMONG THEM WAS A FRIEND THAT  
6 MANY OF YOU KNOW AS SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR PRESIDENT GEORGE  
7 BUSH, ELAINE CHAO, FORMER SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** IF I COULD JOIN ON THAT, AS WELL.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FRANK KLOCK, ALTADENA, WHO WAS QUITE ACTIVE  
12 IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS IN ALTADENA AND  
13 PASADENA, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND WE HAD DONE HAL FISHMAN.  
14 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS AND I KNOW THAT-- I DON'T KNOW IF  
15 WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS THIS PUBLICLY OR IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
16 AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS A MOTION ON THE VOTING ISSUE,  
17 THE CONTROVERSY WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE COUNTIES  
18 OF OUR STATE SO I DON'T KNOW IF WE DO THAT NOW OR WE DO THAT  
19 IN EXECUTIVE SESSION?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE CAN DO IT NOW. SUPERVISOR  
22 MOLINA HAS AN ARRIVED SO...

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** SORRY.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT. CAN WE TAKE UP  
2 ITEM, WAS IT, 9, MIKE? YEAH. ITEM 9. NOW THAT WE HAVE A FULL  
3 BOARD?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS TO SUPPORT THE TORLAKSON  
8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. IF I COULD ASK ONE TECHNICAL  
9 QUESTION. DO WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS AMENDMENT WOULD INCLUDE  
10 FLOOD CONTROL, THE TORLAKSON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT?

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12 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** PROP 218 AND THE AMENDMENT TO IT DO  
13 NOT PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO ANY PUBLIC ENTITIES TO IMPOSE A FEE  
14 OR A TAX OR ANYTHING ELSE. IT'S A PROCEDURE THAT HAS TO BE  
15 FOLLOWED THAT BEARS UNDERLINING AUTHORITY.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT IT COULD BE-- AS PART OF THE  
18 TORLAKSON AMENDMENT, IT COULD BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE FLOOD  
19 CONTROL. I THINK IT'S AMBIGUOUS. I'VE READ THE LAW AND YOU  
20 GUYS THINK THERE'S AN ISSUE. MAYBE, MAYBE NOT. DEPENDS ON  
21 WHICH PARAGRAPH YOU ARE-- BUT, TO CLARIFY IT, IT COULD BE  
22 CLARIFIED IN THIS AMENDMENT, COULD IT NOT, TO INCLUDE FLOOD  
23 CONTROL? WELL, OF COURSE IT COULD. IT'S A CONSTITUTIONAL  
24 AMENDMENT, YOU COULD DO...

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1   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** IT COULD BUT IT WOULD NOT RESOLVE THE  
2   POTENTIAL UNDERLYING QUESTION OF THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S  
3   FEE LEVYING AUTHORITY VERSUS THE COUNTY AS COUNTY. THAT WOULD  
4   JUST BE A LEGISLATIVE FIX.

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6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE JUST-- LET ME JUST MODIFY  
7   OR ADD TO MY MOTION HERE THAT WE INSTRUCT OUR LEGISLATIVE  
8   REPRESENTATIVES, ADVOCATES IN SACRAMENTO TO TAKE THE BROADER  
9   VIEW ON THIS IN WORKING WITH SENATOR TORLAKSON AND OTHER  
10   LEGISLATORS TO DRAFT IT IN A WAY OR GET LEGISLATION THAT WOULD  
11   BE COMPATIBLE THAT WOULD GIVE THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT THE  
12   AUTHORITY TO DO-- TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS MECHANISM.

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14   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT WOULD WORK FINE.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN GET THAT OFF THE TAPE.  
17   WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT AMENDMENT WILL BE INCLUDED. NOW LET'S  
18   CALL THE ROLL ON THE ITEM AS AMENDED.

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20   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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22   **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

23

24   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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1     **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

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3     **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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5     **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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7     **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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9     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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11    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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13    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AYE. IT'S APPROVED. THANK YOU.

14    LET'S TAKE UP MY MOTION, MIKE. YOU DON'T NEED TO READ IT. IT

15    CAME TO OUR ATTENTION AFTER THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA THE

16    SECRETARY OF STATE'S ACTION RELATING TO VOTING DEVICES AND ITS

17    IMPACT ON THE COUNTY, ON OUR COUNTY IS WHAT I WANTED TO GIVE

18    US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IT IF WE WANTED TO. SO, MIKE, DO

19    YOU WANT TO START OR DO YOU WANT ME TO START?

20

21    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE QUESTIONS TO ASK.

22

23    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME JUST SAY VERY BRIEFLY AND

24    MR. KNABE I THINK MAY WANT TO CHIME IN, TOO. I THINK WE'VE HAD

25    A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SECRETARY



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1 OF STATE OVER WHAT SHE WAS GOING TO-- WHAT HER ACTIONS-- HOW  
2 HER ACTIONS WOULD IMPACT THIS COUNTY. OBVIOUSLY, THE DECISIONS  
3 THAT SHE'S MADE HAVE HAD DIFFERENT DISPARATE IMPACT ON  
4 DIFFERENT COUNTIES. SOME COUNTIES HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE  
5 ADVERSELY AFFECTED THAN OTHERS. WE WERE ABLE TO ESTABLISH A  
6 CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY BOWEN LAST MONTH. SUPERVISOR  
7 KNABE, MYSELF, DAVID JANSSEN, COUNTY COUNSEL, AN ONGOING  
8 SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS, BOTH AT THE STAFF LEVEL AND AT OUR  
9 LEVEL, IN WHICH SHE GAVE US A SERIES OF ASSURANCES AND A ROAD  
10 MAP OF WHERE SHE WAS GOING TO GO AS IT RELATED TO OUR COUNTY  
11 OR WHERE SHE THOUGHT SHE WAS GOING TO GO. NOTHING SHE DID ON  
12 FRIDAY NIGHT DEVIATED, AS FAR AS I KNOW, BASED ON WHAT I KNOW,  
13 DEVIATED FROM THE COMMITMENT SHE MADE TO US. HAVING SAID THAT,  
14 THERE'S STILL SOME UNCERTAINTIES, HOW IT'S GOING TO BE  
15 IMPLEMENTED, WHETHER THE INKAVOTE SYSTEM IS GOING TO BE  
16 CERTIFIED, WHICH IS NECESSARY FOR OUR COMPLIANCE UNDER THE  
17 FEDERAL H.A.V.A. ACT, HELP AMERICANS VOTE ACT. ALSO ON THE  
18 ISSUES OF THE GEMS II SYSTEM, WHICH IS THE REASON SHE-- WE  
19 WERE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE SYSTEM WE CURRENTLY USE BECAUSE  
20 WE WERE GOING TO BE PUTTING FORWARD OUR GEMS II SYSTEM FOR  
21 CERTIFICATION. NOW, THAT HASN'T BEEN CERTIFIED YET. WE DON'T  
22 KNOW WHAT CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WILL BE IMPOSED ON THAT. SO  
23 THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WATER TO FLOW UNDER THE BRIDGE AND WE  
24 NEED TO CONTINUE TO BE ENGAGED WITH SECRETARY BOWEN AND HER  
25 STAFF AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER THEY DO AND HOWEVER THEY



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1 DO IT IS DONE IN A MANNER THAT DOESN'T JEOPARDIZE OUR ELECTION  
2 IN FEBRUARY BUT I'M SATISFIED THUS FAR THAT SHE HAS NOT  
3 SANDBAGGED US IN ANY WAY. AND, IN FACT, ON FRIDAY CALLED ME AT  
4 11 IN THE MORNING TO LET ME KNOW, GIVE ME A HEADS UP AND THE  
5 REST OF US A HEADS UP ON WHAT SHE WAS GOING TO DO AT 1:00. IT  
6 TURNED OUT IT WAS 1 A.M. AND NOT 1 P.M. BUT I'M SURE SHE WAS  
7 UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE. AND SHE TOLD ME WHAT SHE WAS GOING TO  
8 DO AS IT AFFECTED THE COUNTY AND EVERYTHING SHE SAID WAS IN  
9 SYNC. SHE ASSURED ME THAT, ON THE INKAVOTE, SHE SAW NO REASON  
10 THAT IT WOULD NOT BE CERTIFIED. THE ONLY REASON IT WASN'T RE-  
11 CERTIFIED WAS BECAUSE THE VENDOR DID NOT SUBMIT IT IN A TIMELY  
12 MANNER. AND I BELIEVE THEY ARE NOW CERTIFYING OR GOING THROUGH  
13 THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS. THIS IS NOT A QUESTION OF WHAT HER  
14 PREDECESSOR DID OR DIDN'T DO. SHE IS A NEW SECRETARY OF STATE.  
15 HER ARGUMENT, I THINK, WOULD BE THAT'S WHAT THE ELECTION WAS  
16 ALL ABOUT AND SHE'S LOOKING AT EVERYTHING FROM SCRATCH. AND I  
17 THINK WE HAVE TO, WHETHER WE AGREE WITH IT OR NOT, RESPECT  
18 THAT AND THEN WORK WITH HER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE  
19 MINIMAL AMOUNT OF DISLOCATION. THE ONE THING THAT I THINK IS  
20 OF CONCERN IS-- MAY BE OF CONCERN TO OUR REGISTRAR IS HOW THIS  
21 WILL IMPACT THE EARLY VOTING MACHINES THAT WE USE. BUT THAT,  
22 IN THE WHOLE SCHEME OF THINGS, IS A RELATIVELY SMALL PIECE. SO  
23 I WANTED TO JUST SET THAT TONE. DON, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU  
24 WANTED TO ADD ANYTHING?

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, I'M NOT SURE, I WAS  
2   CONCERNED ON SOME OF THE ARTICLES THAT I READ. I DID NOT HAVE  
3   THAT PHONE CALL ON FRIDAY THAT YOU HAD THE BENEFIT OF THAT. I  
4   FELT WE HAD VERY CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS UP TO THAT POINT.  
5   IT'S SORT OF LIKE STATE BUDGETS BEING PASSED AT 3 OR 4 O'CLOCK  
6   IN THE MORNING. I'M NOT ALWAYS IMPRESSED WITH PRESS  
7   CONFERENCES AT MIDNIGHT. AND, OBVIOUSLY, SOME OF THE  
8   INTERPRETATIONS WERE CONTRADICTORY, I FELT, AS TO WHAT OUR  
9   COMMITMENT WAS FROM HER AND I JUST-- AS WE WORK THROUGH THIS  
10   AND AS WE GET MORE CLARIFICATION AND I CONTINUE TO THINK WE  
11   NEED MORE, IT'S PRETTY MUCH IN LINE WITH WHAT SHE TOLD US SHE  
12   WAS GOING TO DO. I JUST WISH SHE COULD HAVE BEEN A LITTLE BIT  
13   MORE FORCEFUL ABOUT THE IMPACT ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY BECAUSE,  
14   THE WAY LOOK AT IT, THE IMPACT IS EVEN GREATER ON THE OTHER  
15   COUNTIES AND THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO-- BUT, YOU KNOW, WHERE WE  
16   WERE CONFRONTED WITH THE HEADLINES, THE VOTING SYSTEM IN  
17   TURMOIL AND, YOU KNOW, ALL THIS KIND OF THING, WHICH WAS  
18   CERTAINLY NOT WHAT SHE REFLECTED IN HER COMMENTS TO US. SO, AT  
19   THIS POINT, ANYWAY, WE HAVE TO GO OFF WHAT SHE HAS SAID AND  
20   HOPEFULLY, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THAT'LL ALL COME BACK  
21   TOGETHER.

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23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? THEN MS.  
24   BURKE.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO KNOW IF THE COUNTY'S  
2   EQUIPMENT HAD REMAINED OR DOES REMAIN DECERTIFIED, HOW LONG DO  
3   WE HAVE TO MEET THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS?

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5   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TRY TO RESPOND TO THAT  
6   NOW?

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8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH.

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10   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS ARE-- AND THE STATE  
11   REQUIREMENTS FOR DISABILITY ACCESS HAVE BEEN IN PLACE FOR  
12   SEVERAL YEARS AND WE ARE MEETING THOSE WITH THE INKAVOTE PLUS  
13   SYSTEM AND THAT'S THE SYSTEM WE USE TO DO THAT WITH AND IT  
14   DOESN'T COUNT ANY VOTES. SO I THINK THAT DISTINCTION NEEDS TO  
15   BE MADE, THAT THE VOTE COUNTING IS ON A DIFFERENT SYSTEM, AS  
16   YOU KNOW, YOU MADE THE AGREEMENT WITH HER REGARDING SO THAT IS  
17   NOT IMPACTED. SO I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LETTER FROM THE  
18   BOARD TO HER INDICATING, REMINDING THAT THERE IS NOT-- WE ARE  
19   NOT USING THE SYSTEM TO COUNT VOTES. WE ARE USING IT TO ALLOW  
20   DISABLED INDIVIDUALS AND EVERYBODY PROTECTION TO THEIR VOTE IN  
21   CASE THEY MAKE A MISTAKE. AND IT WAS VERY POPULAR WHEN WE  
22   ROLLED IT OUT LAST NOVEMBER. A LOT OF PEOPLE DID MAKE MISTAKES  
23   ON THEIR BALLOTS AND HAD THEM ALERTED AND THEY WERE VERY  
24   GRATEFUL FOR THAT AND WE HAD A LOT OF DISABLED FOLKS USE THE  
25   EQUIPMENT AND WERE VERY HAPPY WITH THAT. THE CITY OF LOS



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1 ANGELES ROLLED THE SAME EQUIPMENT OUT IN THE MARCH AND MAY  
2 ELECTIONS THIS YEAR TO GOOD REVIEWS AND WE HAVE THE SPECIAL  
3 CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY ELECTION TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY. WE'LL BE  
4 USING THIS EQUIPMENT. THE LYNWOOD ELECTION NEXT MONTH WILL BE  
5 USING THIS EQUIPMENT. AND THEN, IN NOVEMBER, THIS EQUIPMENT.  
6 THE ORDER DOESN'T IMPACT FOR SIX MONTHS AND I'M CERTAINLY  
7 HOPEFUL, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU HAVE CONVERSATIONS AND WE  
8 HAVE HER ASSURANCES THAT THIS WILL GET RESOLVED, I HOPE,  
9 QUICKLY BECAUSE-- AND I THINK YOU'RE FEELING THAT IT WILL.  
10 SINCE IT IS AN OPTICAL SCAN PAPER-BASED SYSTEM, WHICH SHE HAS  
11 INDICATED A PREFERENCE FOR, THAT'S THE PREFERRED SYSTEM IN HER  
12 OPINION, WE DO COMPLY WITH THAT. IT IS AN OPTICAL SCAN SYSTEM.  
13 SO I'M CERTAINLY HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE  
14 SYSTEM WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS BECAUSE IT WOULD  
15 REALLY DEPEND ON WHAT KIND OF CONDITIONS, IF THERE WERE ANY,  
16 WHETHER OR NOT WE COULD MEET THEM.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF THEY DON'T CHANGE THEIR CONDITIONS FOR  
19 THE TOUCH SCREEN VOTING, THEN THE EARLY VOTING WILL BE  
20 ELIMINATED?

21

22 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** MY BIGGEST CONCERN RIGHT NOW IS THE EARLY  
23 VOTING BECAUSE SHE DID IMPOSE SWEEPING CONDITIONS ON THAT THAT  
24 I DON'T THINK ANYBODY ANTICIPATED TO HAND COUNT ALL OF THOSE  
25 BALLOTS. AND WE'VE HAD AS MANY AS 65,000 VOTES FOLKS MOSTLY



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1 WAIT TO THE LAST FEW DAYS TO FIND OUT THEY'RE GOING OUT OF  
2 TOWN, ABSENTEE VOTING IS OVER AT THAT POINT. THEY CAN'T GET A  
3 BALLOT IN THE MAIL AND THEY'RE VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE THIS  
4 OPPORTUNITY AND IT'S BEEN A SERVICE WE'VE PROVIDED FOR SEVEN  
5 YEARS, A VERY POPULAR SERVICE. SO WE WOULD HATE TO LOSE THAT  
6 COMPONENT OF OUR ABILITY TO SERVE VOTERS TO BE ABLE TO VOTE  
7 AND I THINK ALL OF YOU WANT TO MAINTAIN THAT. SO I THINK IT  
8 WAS A SURPRISE WHEN SHE SAID WE WOULD HAVE TO HAND COUNT THEM  
9 AT 100 PERCENT. BACK IN MARCH, SHE WAS TESTIFYING-- SECRETARY  
10 BOWEN WAS TESTIFYING TO THE U.S. CONGRESS ON ELECTION REFORM  
11 AND SHE WAS ASKED A SPECIFIC QUESTION, "WHAT SHOULD BE THE  
12 AMOUNT OF BALLOTS TO MANUALLY RECOUNT? WHAT WOULD BE AN  
13 APPROPRIATE AMOUNT?" AND SHE SAID, "WELL, STATISTICIANS SHOULD  
14 MAKE THAT DECISION" AND NEVER INDICATED IT WOULD BE 100  
15 PERCENT. SO IT'S SORT OF A SHOCK TO EVERYONE THAT WE WOULD  
16 HAVE TO HAND COUNT THOSE AT 100 PERCENT. I THINK WE HAVE TO  
17 EVALUATE HOW MUCH THAT WOULD COST, HOW MUCH TIME IT WOULD TAKE  
18 BEFORE WE MAKE ANY PRECIPITOUS DECISIONS ABOUT OUR EARLY  
19 VOTING SO I'D LIKE TO HAVE SOME TIME TO PUT THAT TOGETHER AND  
20 ALSO LOOK AT THE OTHER COUNTIES. I THINK THERE ARE ABOUT 12  
21 OTHER COUNTIES THAT CONDUCT EARLY VOTING. WHAT IS THEIR PLAN?  
22 AND SO WE COULD COME BACK TO YOU WITH SOME OPTIONS AND SOME  
23 REAL NUMBERS ON WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO DO THAT. SO I WOULD  
24 PREFER TO NOT TO DO THAT IN A HURRY. WE DON'T-- WE HAVEN'T HAD  
25 AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT ASSESSMENT RIGHT NOW.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN, WHEN WE WRITE THE LETTER TO THE  
3 SECRETARY OF STATE, WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF THE NEEDS  
4 ARE GOING TO BE IN THE LETTER TO HAVE HER ATTENTION TO  
5 ADDRESS?

6

7 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE GOOD AND PERHAPS THE  
8 100 PERCENT RESTRICTION THAT SHE PUT ON SEVERAL OF THE  
9 ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TO MANUALLY COUNT ALL THE VOTES THAT ARE  
10 CAST ON THOSE AT 100 PERCENT COULD BE EVALUATED AFTER FEBRUARY  
11 BECAUSE WE'VE HAD EXPERIENCE MANUALLY COUNTING BALLOTS AND THE  
12 TOUCH SCREEN AND, SUPERVISOR, YOU CAME OUT LAST NOVEMBER AND  
13 SAW THAT. AND IF WE COULD SHOW THAT IT WAS ACCURATE AND DID  
14 WELL, MAYBE WE COULD GET THAT NUMBER REDUCED TO-- THE FEDERAL  
15 GOVERNMENT IS TALKING MAYBE 3 PERCENT AND THAT WAS THE NUMBER  
16 THAT SHE WAS TESTIFYING ON AND SHE SAID STATISTICIANS SHOULD  
17 LOOK AT. I DON'T THINK ANY STATISTICIAN WOULD THINK 100  
18 PERCENT IS NEEDED TO VERIFY RESULTS. SO, AGAIN, I'M HOPING  
19 THAT, AFTER THE INITIAL ELECTION, THERE COULD BE SOME CHANGES  
20 ON SOME OF THOSE CONDITIONS.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF SHE DOESN'T CHANGE, WHICH WE HOPE SHE WILL  
23 CHANGE, WHAT ARE THE ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR THE GENERAL FUND TO  
24 THE COUNTY?

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1   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ONE OF THE THINGS IN THE DECERTIFICATION  
2   ORDERS AND RE-CERTIFICATION ORDERS THAT SHE PUT IN THE ORDER  
3   FRIDAY NIGHT WAS THAT THE VENDORS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
4   THOSE COSTS AND THE COUNTIES WOULD HAVE TO CONDUCT 100 PERCENT  
5   MANUAL COUNT BUT THE VENDORS WOULD HAVE TO REIMBURSE THE  
6   COUNTY AND NONE OF THE VENDORS HAVE THAT IN ANY OF OUR  
7   CONTRACTS. I MEAN, THEY DIDN'T SELL US SYSTEMS THINKING THAT  
8   WE WERE GOING TO BE MANUALLY COUNTING BALLOTS, WHICH MY  
9   INITIAL ESTIMATE IS IT COULD COST US 3, 400, 500,000 PER  
10   ELECTION TO DO THAT. AGAIN, I WANT TO COME BACK WITH SOME REAL  
11   NUMBERS AFTER WE'VE HAD A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME BUT THAT'S SORT  
12   OF A ESTIMATE. AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE VENDORS ARE GOING TO  
13   DO. SO I THINK WE NEED TO HEAR FROM THEM AS WELL AND THEY  
14   HAVEN'T HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN. SO THERE'S A LOT OF  
15   UNKNOWNNS HERE AT THE MOMENT AND I WOULD THINK WE NEED TO GET  
16   YOU MORE DATA BEFORE WE CAN GO FORWARD WITH ANY SPECIFIC PLAN.

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18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST TO DO 100 PERCENT?

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20   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** MY INITIAL ESTIMATE IS SOMEWHERE ABOUT  
21   \$400,000 FOR EACH ELECTION, DEPENDING UPON HOW MANY PEOPLE  
22   VOTED EARLY BUT, AGAIN, WE'D NEED A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME TO  
23   QUANTIFY THAT MORE SCIENTIFICALLY. THAT WAS BASED ON OUR  
24   MANUAL ACCOUNTING LAST NOVEMBER. WE MANUALLY COUNTED 25,000



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1   BALLOTS AS PART OF OUR NORMAL MANUAL COUNT AND HOW MUCH THAT  
2   COST THE COUNTY WAS \$207,000.

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, TRADITIONALLY, WILL THE STATE REIMBURSE  
5   THE COUNTY FOR THOSE COSTS?

6

7   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** NO. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A COUNTY COST AS PART OF  
8   THE LAW. THE CURRENT LAW SAYS WE HAVE TO MANUALLY COUNT A  
9   RANDOM SAMPLE 1 PERCENT. WE'VE BEEN DOING THAT FOR YEARS AND  
10   IT VERIFIES THE VOTE TOTALS. THAT'S WHAT IT'S FOR AND I THINK  
11   IT'S A GOOD PROGRAM AND I THINK EVERYONE HAS SUPPORTED IT BUT  
12   100 PERCENT IS NOT 1 PERCENT. AND EVERY RACE, EVERY BALLOT  
13   CAST THAT WERE CAST ON OUR EARLY VOTING. SO I THINK IT'S GOING  
14   TO BE SIGNIFICANT. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE VENDORS  
15   WOULD REIMBURSE THAT COST, WHICH IS REQUIRED IN THE ORDER, BUT  
16   I THINK WE HAVE TO GO A LITTLE BIT FARTHER TO SEE WHAT THE  
17   VENDORS ARE GOING TO SAY ABOUT THAT. WE DIDN'T EVEN, FOR  
18   EXAMPLE, PAY LAST YEAR WHEN WE UPGRADED OUR TOUCH SCREEN  
19   EQUIPMENT TO HAVE THE PAPER TRAIL. THE COST WAS \$450,000 SO  
20   THE VENDORS REALLY HAVEN'T REALLY MADE THAT MUCH MONEY IN L.A.  
21   COUNTY SELLING EQUIPMENT AND IF IT WOULD COST TO DO MANUALLY  
22   COUNTING EVERY ELECTION, THREE OR \$400,000, YOU KNOW, THEY  
23   WOULDN'T HAVE ANY PROFIT AT ALL.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHEN YOU SAY EVERY ELECTION-- I  
2   WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU SAY EVERY ELECTION, DO YOU MEAN  
3   ALL OF THE...

4

5   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** EARLY VOTES.

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ...BALLOT GROUPINGS-- SO THE  
8   FEBRUARY 2008 ELECTION?

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10   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YES. FEBRUARY 2008, DEPENDING UPON HOW MANY  
11   EARLY VOTERS WE HAVE.

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13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO LET'S SAY YOU HAD A REGULAR  
14   ELECTION AS OPPOSED TO THE SPLIT THING AND YOU HAD THE STATE  
15   SENATOR, STATE CONGRESSIONAL.

16

17   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IN JUNE NEXT YEAR.

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT WOULD BE 400,000 TO COUNT  
20   ALL OF THOSE?

21

22   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THAT'S MY INITIAL ESTIMATE FOR THE EARLY  
23   VOTING...

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT'S NOT 400,000 FOR PRESIDENT,  
2   400,000 FOR CONGRESS?

3

4   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** OH, NO, NO. IT'S FOR EACH OF THE ELECTIONS. I  
5   APOLOGIZE IF I...

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7   **SUP. MOLINA:** MAY I JUST SAY SOMETHING? CONNY, I DON'T  
8   UNDERSTAND WHY YOU ARE SO PROTECTIVE OF THE VENDOR. THAT IS  
9   NOT YOUR JOB.

10

11   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I DIDN'T THINK I WAS BEING PROTECTIVE.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU ARE. YOU KEEP SAYING YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT  
14   WHAT IT IS GOING TO COST THEM. IT'S REALLY NONE OF OUR  
15   BUSINESS. THEY ARE BEING FORCED TO PAY FOR IT BY THE SECRETARY  
16   OF STATE.

17

18   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THAT'S WHAT THE ORDER SAYS, YES. THAT'S WHAT  
19   THE ORDER SAYS.

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21   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THEN, SHOULDN'T YOU BE PART OF THAT EFFORT  
22   TO FORCE THE VENDOR TO PAY FOR IT IF THAT'S THE ORDER?

23

24   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** CERTAINLY, IF THAT'S WHAT THE...

25



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** IT SHOULDN'T BE OUR INTEREST TO TRY AND PROTECT  
2   THE VENDOR. IF HE HAS A PROFIT PROBLEM, THAT'S NOT HIS  
3   PROBLEM, NOT OUR PROBLEM.

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5   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, I'M REALLY NOT TRYING TO PROTECT THEM.  
6   I'M TRYING TO EXPLAIN THE COST, WHICH I THINK...

7

8   **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE TONE  
9   THAT YOU'RE TAKING. I MEAN, RIGHT NOW...

10

11   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I APOLOGIZE. I DON'T MEAN TO BE...

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I MEAN, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT OUR INTEREST TO  
14   PROTECT THE PROFIT OF A VENDOR, YOU KNOW?

15

16   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I THINK THAT'S A MISUNDERSTANDING.

17

18   **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY ALL CAME IN HERE. THEY-- YOU SAID IT. I  
19   HEARD IT.

20

21   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, I HAVEN'T SLEPT IN A COUPLE DAYS SO I  
22   DON'T...

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24   **SUP. MOLINA:** NEITHER HAVE I. I GOT IN THIS MORNING AT 3:30  
25   THIS MORNING AND I HEARD IT. I JUST THINK THAT IT'S OUR



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1 RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE PROCESS. AND, AGAIN, WE  
2 SHOULDN'T CARE IF IT COST THEM 400,000 OR 800,000. WHAT WE  
3 SHOULD FIND OUT FROM OUR LAWYERS IS IF THEY'RE GOING TO PAY  
4 THE TAB. IT WOULDN'T HURT TO DO IT ONE TIME AROUND. IF IT'S  
5 100 PERCENT, THEN YOU CAN JUST PUT IT IN THE FACE OF DEBRA  
6 BOWEN AND SAY, "HERE WE ARE." THEN YOU CAN MAKE A MATHEMATICAL  
7 CALCULATION NEXT TIME AROUND. I'M JUST SAYING THAT I THINK  
8 YOU'RE WALKING CLOSE TO THE EDGE AND IT'S TROUBLING FOR ME TO  
9 KEEP HEARING IT. AND YOU JUST SAID IT AGAIN.

10

11 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, I DO APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, I'D JUST LIKE TO GET A CLARIFICATION NOW IN  
16 TERMS OF WHERE WE ARE AT THIS MOMENT. ON INKAVOTE, IT'S OUR  
17 UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WILL BE MINOR REQUESTS BY THE  
18 SECRETARY OF STATE IN ORDER TO BRING OUR SYSTEM INTO TOTAL  
19 COMPLIANCE AND CERTIFICATION, IS THAT CORRECT?

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21 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE MIGHT DO. RIGHT  
22 NOW, SHE'S DECERTIFIED THE SYSTEM. FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND FROM  
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SHE'S INDICATED THAT BUT IT'S-- I HAVE  
24 NO WAY OF KNOWING WHAT THE CONDITIONS MIGHT BE.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON. WHAT DID YOU THINK I SAID  
2    THAT SHE INDICATED ON THE INKAVOTE?

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4    **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THAT THERE WOULDN'T BE INKAVOTE.

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6    **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, INKAVOTE.

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8    **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YES, INKAVOTE.

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10   **SUP. BURKE:** I THOUGHT I SAID INKAVOTE, DIDN'T I?

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12   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ...CONDITIONS OR NO CONDITIONS HOPEFULLY.

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14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, I UNDERSTAND. I DIDN'T HEAR  
15   YOU.

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17   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I WOULD HOPE THERE'D BE NO CONDITIONS BUT,  
18   AGAIN, I HAVEN'T BEEN PRIVY...

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20   **SUP. BURKE:** I DID SAY INKAVOTE, DIDN'T I?

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22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. NO, INKAVOTE, SHE WAS VERY  
23   CLEAR TO ME ON FRIDAY AND HER PUBLIC STATEMENTS DID NOT  
24   CONTRADICT IT. AND THAT IS THAT THE REASON INKAVOTE WAS  
25   DECERTIFIED WAS BECAUSE THEY DID NOT MEET THE DEADLINE AND IT



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1 WAS TOTALLY PROCEDURAL AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MERITS.  
2 THOSE WERE HER WORDS TO ME SEVERAL TIMES. AND SHE ASSURED ME  
3 AND I WROTE IT DOWN, WE WILL RE-CERTIFY INKAVOTE. ON THE OTHER  
4 TWO THINGS, WHEN I SAY WE WILL RE-CERTIFY IT, SHE HAD EVERY  
5 EXPECTATION-- WELL, SHE COULDN'T, OBVIOUSLY, WITHOUT LOOKING  
6 AT THE TECHNOLOGY. ON THE GEMS II, WE KNOW-- WE'VE KNOWN FROM  
7 DAY ONE THAT THAT'S THE 100-POUND GORILLA HERE. AND THE  
8 MACHINES YOU'VE ADDRESSED THOSE, THE EARLY VOTING MACHINES IS  
9 CAUGHT UP IN THE BIGGER ISSUE. AND I THINK COUNTIES LIKE  
10 RIVERSIDE AND OTHERS ARE GOING TO HAVE A MUCH MORE SERIOUS  
11 DISCUSSION WITH HER THAN WE WILL AND I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS  
12 YOU MAY DO, IN ADDITION TO GETTING THE COSTS AND ALL, IS LET'S  
13 WAIT AND SEE WHAT TRANSPIRES IN THOSE COUNTIES WHOSE ENTIRE  
14 SYSTEM IS BASED ON THOSE, ON THOSE COMPUTER MACHINES.

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** MY OTHER QUESTION IS, ON THE TOUCH VOTING THAT  
17 WE'VE DONE, THE EARLY VOTING, IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF  
18 GETTING SOME KIND OF DELAY OR WAIVER JUST FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
19 GETTING US THROUGH FEBRUARY AND JUNE SO THAT WE CAN HAVE AN  
20 OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY WORK WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE? IS  
21 THERE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT WE CAN WORK OUT SOMETHING THERE?  
22 BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, IT REALLY MAKES A LOT OF DIFFERENCE AND  
23 THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE GROWN TO REALLY DEPEND ON THE  
24 EARLY VOTING.

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1 **WILLIAM T FUJIOKA, C.E.O.:** IF I CAN INTERRUPT RIGHT NOW. I  
2 THINK WHAT WE NEED TO FOCUS ON RIGHT NOW IS WORKING WITH THE  
3 SECRETARY OF STATE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES AS QUICKLY AS  
4 POSSIBLE. THIS HAPPENED RECENTLY. THIS HAPPENED THIS PAST  
5 FRIDAY. IT IS ONLY TUESDAY. I DON'T HAVE ANY DOUBT THAT WE'LL  
6 BE ABLE TO DEVELOP A SOLUTION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.  
7 RIGHT NOW, THERE'S A LOT OF ASSUMPTIONS GOING ON. WE NEED TO  
8 BASE OUR NEXT ACTIONS ON FACT. WE NEED TO PROTECT THE COUNTY'S  
9 INTEREST AND ONLY THE COUNTY'S INTEREST RIGHT NOW TO MAKE SURE  
10 OUR SYSTEMS ARE SOUND. WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DO IS CONTINUE THIS  
11 WEEK WORKING WITH THAT OFFICE AND, IF YOU'D LIKE, WE CAN COME  
12 BACK BY NEXT WEEK AND REPORT BACK ON THE STATUS WHEN WE HAVE  
13 SOME REAL INFORMATION. WE'VE HAD THE SECRETARY OF STATE SPEAK  
14 TO OUR CHAIR, WHO SAID SHE'S GOING TO RE-CERTIFY THAT SYSTEM.  
15 WE NEED TO WORK ON THAT. WE NEED TO GET INTO DOING THE ACTUAL  
16 STEPS THAT ARE NECESSARY. AND INSTEAD OF, FROM OUR END, FROM  
17 STAFF END, KIND OF WONDERING WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, LET'S  
18 START WORKING WITH HER AND MAKING IT HAPPEN. IF WE COULD DO  
19 THAT AND MAYBE COME BACK NEXT WEEK. WE SHOULD HAVE MORE  
20 INFORMATION.

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS I THINK THAT IS VERY  
23 IMPORTANT IS TO GET OVER TO PEOPLE THAT THEY SHOULD VOTE. THAT  
24 THERE'S NO ONE WHO SAID THAT OUR SYSTEM IS NOT A RELIABLE  
25 SYSTEM. THESE ARE TECHNICALITIES. AND I'M VERY CONCERNED THAT



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1 SOME PEOPLE WILL SAY, "WELL, I'M JUST NOT GOING TO VOTE  
2 BECAUSE IT'S ALL CHAOS IN TERMS OF VOTING IN LOS ANGELES." SO  
3 I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE-- AND, CONNY, I THINK YOU NEED TO HAVE  
4 A LOT OF OUTREACH TO SAY TO PEOPLE "BE SURE TO VOTE." WE HAVE  
5 AN ELECTION COMING UP THAT IS GOING TO BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR  
6 PEOPLE TO VOTE ON ALL OF THESE HE ELECTIONS THAT ARE COMING UP  
7 THAT AFFECT SMALL LOCALITIES BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, CAN HAVE A  
8 REAL IMPACT ON THOSE LOCALITIES. AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET  
9 OVER TO THE PUBLIC THAT OUR SYSTEM IS RELIABLE AND THEY  
10 SHOULDN'T JUST THROW UP THEIR HANDS AND SAY, "WELL, YOU KNOW,  
11 I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE." WE HAVE TROUBLE GETTING PEOPLE TO VOTE  
12 ALREADY BUT WE NEED A PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO MAKE SURE  
13 THAT PEOPLE DO VOTE AND WE'LL WORK OUT SOME WAY THAT THEIR  
14 VOTE COUNTS AND THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE THAT ASSURANCE. I THINK  
15 THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE TO DO RIGHT NOW, PARTICULARLY  
16 SINCE WE HAVE SO MANY ELECTIONS COMING UP IN VERY SHORT ORDER.  
17

18 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** SUPERVISOR, I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU, THAT IS  
19 THE KEY IS TO HAVE VOTERS GO AND VOTE AT THE ELECTIONS AND NOT  
20 FOR THEM TO BE WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THEIR VOTE IS  
21 GOING TO COUNT. WE'VE BEEN DELIVERING GOOD ELECTIONS IN THIS  
22 COUNTY FOR OUR VOTERS AND WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT.  
23 AND I JUST HOPE THAT THE ONES THAT GO IN TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY  
24 WILL GO AND NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. BUT WE DID ALREADY  
25 PLAN, OUR STAFF TALKED ABOUT HAVING A HANDOUT FOR FOLKS TO





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1 EXPLAIN THE SYSTEM. IT'S BEEN CERTIFIED. AND, YOU KNOW, WHAT  
2 HAPPENED AND SIMPLE THAT IT IS ACCURATE AND THAT IT ISN'T  
3 COUNTING THE VOTES. WE'RE COUNTING THE VOTES CENTRALLY ON  
4 ANOTHER SYSTEM.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE QUESTION?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES HER OUR ORDER IMPACT OTHER CITY  
11 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS OR DOES IT?

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13 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THE INKAVOTE SYSTEM RIGHT NOW IS JUST USED BY  
14 OURSELVES AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THEY JUST FINISHED  
15 THEIR ELECTION CYCLE SO...

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO BASICALLY THE OTHER 87 CITIES ARE NOT  
18 IMPACTED BY THIS FOR THEIR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS?

19

20 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THAT'S CORRECT. THEY ARE USING-- WELL,  
21 ACTUALLY, THERE ARE-- THERE'S ABOUT 18 OR 19 CITIES THAT WE'LL  
22 BE RUNNING THEIR ELECTIONS THIS NOVEMBER THROUGH CONTRACT AND,  
23 OBVIOUSLY, IT IMPACTS THEM. THE OTHER CITIES THAT RUN ON THE  
24 DIFFERENT YEARS AND THAT RUN THEIR OWN ELECTIONS HAVE  
25 DIFFERENT VOTING SYSTEMS.



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**SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE IT  
ONE STEP AT A TIME, ONE DAY AT A TIME. WE HAVE SOME POTENTIAL  
JEOPARDY AND I THINK WE NEED TO BE UPFRONT ABOUT IT AND WE  
WANT THINGS-- I WAS CAREFUL TO SAY THERE IS NOTHING IN HER  
ACTION THAT VIOLATED ANY OF THE COMMITMENTS SHE MADE BUT SHE  
DIDN'T MAKE A COMMITMENT TO CERTIFY GEMS II, WHICH, WHEN SHE  
GETS AROUND TO THAT ONE, THAT WILL BE OUR MOMENT OF TRUTH AS  
IT RELATES TO THE NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION. SO THE STAKES ARE REAL  
HIGH. I THINK A LOT IS GOING TO HAPPEN BETWEEN NOW AND THEN.  
FOR THE TIME BEING, I THINK OUR LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH  
THE SECRETARY NEED TO REMAIN OPEN AND WE NEED TO HELP HER  
UNDERSTAND CERTAIN THINGS THAT SHE MAY NOT HAVE, IF THEY APPLY  
TO US, AND SEVERAL OF US HAVE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH HER.  
MOST OF US DO. AND CERTAINLY HAVE ACCESS TO HER TO AT LEAST  
PUT THINGS ON HER RADAR SCREENS. AND I ENCOURAGE ALL OF US IN  
THE COUNTY FAMILY TO USE THAT CHANNEL AS LONG AS IT'S  
AVAILABLE. THANK YOU, CONNY. I APPRECIATE IT. I KNOW YOU'RE  
UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE AND-- WITH ELECTIONS COMING UP AND ALL  
AND, IF YOU NEED ANY HELP, LET US KNOW.

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**CONNY MCCORMACK:** THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT, THANK  
YOU.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANKS, MIKE. ANYTHING  
2   ELSE?

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, THAT'S IT.

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6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAD ONE PERSON THAT WANTED TO  
7   BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT AN ACTION ITEM.  
8   ARNOLD SACHS?

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10   **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK  
11   YOU VERY MUCH. ARNOLD SACHS. I'D JUST LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT I  
12   BELIEVE IT WAS LAST YEAR JUST BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN  
13   JUNE THAT INKAVOTING SYSTEM WAS ON THE AGENDA FOR A CONTRACT  
14   FOR OVER \$44 MILLION AND THERE WAS A COUPLE OF PEOPLE HERE  
15   FROM A VOTING RIGHTS GROUP THAT BROUGHT IN SOME INFORMATION  
16   FROM I BELIEVE IT WAS NEWSWEEK AND TIME MAGAZINE HAD DONE A  
17   WRITE-UP ON INKAVOTING SYSTEM AND THEY HAD DISCOVERED SOME  
18   FLAWS IN THE SYSTEM. AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE, AT THAT  
19   TIME, IF YOU HAD HAD THE DISCUSSION ABOUT ANY DISCREPANCIES  
20   WITH THE INKAVOTING SYSTEM. INSTEAD, YOU JUST WENT AHEAD AND  
21   WENT OFF KILTER AND GOT INTO A SPEECH ABOUT ABSENTEE BALLOTS  
22   AND THE FACT THAT THERE WERE 200,000 ABSENTEE BALLOTS THAT  
23   WERE LOST AND THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO DISCUSSION ON THE  
24   INKAVOTING SYSTEM AT ALL AT THAT TIME JUST THE FACT THAT THE



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1 MOTION WAS PASSED. NOW THE HORSE IS OUT OF THE BARN AND YOU'RE  
2 WORRIED ABOUT IT. THAT'S ALL I'D LIKE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE  
5 US. WITHOUT OBJECTION, I'LL MOVE, ANTONOVICH SECONDS THAT WE  
6 MAKE THE FINDINGS THAT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION AFTER THE POSTING  
7 OF THE AGENDA, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE AND AS FOR  
8 THE SECOND PART, I'LL MODIFY THE SECOND PART OF MY MOTION TO  
9 HAVE A REPORT BACK ON AUGUST 14TH, A WEEK FROM TODAY, AS  
10 OPPOSED TO TODAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK  
11 YOU. NEXT? MS. MOLINA? ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS? SUPERVISOR  
12 BURKE?

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
15 MEMORY OF LINNIE PEARL RYAN FOSTER, THE MOTHER OF LANNIE  
16 FOSTER, FORMER U.T.L.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT AND  
17 P.A.C.E. CHAIR, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 27TH, 2007. SHE LEAVES  
18 TO CHERISH HER MEMORY THREE SONS, ROBERT, JOHN AND GEORGE,  
19 SEVEN DAUGHTERS, AUDREY, MAGNOLIA, JERENE, LANNIE, HANNAH,  
20 CECIL AND GOLDIE, 39 GRANDCHILDREN AND 60 GREAT-  
21 GRANDCHILDREN. AND HERMAN PALMER, LONG TIME LEIMERT PARK  
22 RESIDENT AND FATHER OF RUTH PALMER OF THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE  
23 WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 30TH OF CANCER AT THE AGE OF 80. HE  
24 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS DAUGHTER, RUTH, AND FOUR  
25 SIBLINGS. THELMA LACEFIELD-COBBS, LONG- TIME SECOND DISTRICT



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1 RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 26TH. SHE WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED  
2 PIANIST AND FOUNDING MOTHER OF HOLY CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
3 CHURCH. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER DAUGHTER, JEWEL  
4 COBBS-WILLIAMS, AND SON, H. P. COBBS.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NOTHING.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE ONE ADJOURNING MOTION. THE  
11 PAPER REPORTED THIS MORNING THAT RAUL HILBERG PASSED AWAY IN  
12 THE STATE OF VERMONT. RAUL HILBERG WAS ONE OF THE FIRST AND  
13 STILL THE FOREMOST HISTORIANS ON THE HOLOCAUST. HE WAS A  
14 PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT. WROTE THE SEMINAL  
15 WORK, "THE DESTRUCTION OF THE EUROPEAN JEWS", WHICH STILL, TO  
16 THIS DAY, IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL REFERENCE WORKS  
17 ON THE HOLOCAUST. HE WAS A GREAT DOCUMENTARIAN OF THAT PERIOD  
18 AND HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81 AND I WILL GET YOU THE  
19 INFORMATION. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE HAVE REALLY  
20 ONLY CLOSED SESSION LEFT AND ITEM 46. I THINK ITEM 46 IS ONLY  
21 THERE AS A PLACEHOLDER, CORRECT? AND I THINK YOU WANTED TO  
22 HAVE A DISCUSSION UNDER THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM ON KING, MR.  
23 FUJIOKA?

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25 **WILLIAM T FUJIOKA, C.E.O.:** YES.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE WILL TAKE THAT. SO CAN WE  
3 JUST CONTINUE ITEM 46? ROLL IT OVER TO NEXT WEEK AND THEN WE  
4 WILL HAVE THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM, WHICH IS C.S.-1, CORRECT?  
5 OKAY, LET ME HAVE IT. DR. CLAVREUL AND MR. SACHS, WOULD YOU  
6 BOTH COME DOWN?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** FOR WHAT? IS THIS PUBLIC COMMENT?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON ITEM 46, EVEN THOUGH WE WILL  
11 ROLL IT OVER. I THOUGHT MAYBE THEY WANTED TO TALK ABOUT C.S.-1  
12 WHILE WE'RE AT IT. AND DR. CLAVREUL WANTED TO ALSO SPEAK ON  
13 ITEM 19 AND YOU'RE WELCOME TO DO SO.

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15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
16 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON THE WAY IT WAS WRITTEN ON THE  
17 AGENDA FOR 46, IT WAS FOR A REPORT AND SO WE DON'T HAVE ANY  
18 REPORT TODAY ON KING DREW?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO. DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO  
21 REPORT? YOU SEEM TO HAVE TO INFORMATION MORE OFTEN THAN WE DO.

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23 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YOU HOPE NOT. WELL, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT  
24 MY FAULT I HAVE KNOWN PEOPLE HERE FOR A LONG, LONG TIME AND I  
25 GET, YOU KNOW, PHONE CALLS BECAUSE I LISTEN. BUT SINCE WE GO



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1 TO SPEAK ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THAT ITEM, I JUST PUBLISHED AN  
2 ARTICLE ON THE CHAIN OF COMMAND, WHICH WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL  
3 AT KING DREW WHEN IT CAME TO NURSING. AND ALSO I WANT TO  
4 RESPOND TO THE RESPONSE TO MY PUBLIC RECORD ACT REQUEST ABOUT  
5 THE HIRING OF MR. FUJIOKA. OF COURSE, EVERYTHING I HAD ASKED  
6 WAS REFUSED, SO I'M MAKING IT AS A REQUEST AND I DON'T  
7 SPECIFICALLY WANT TO KNOW THE NAME OF PEOPLE INTERVIEWED, I  
8 WANT TO KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE INTERVIEWED, HOW MANY PEOPLE  
9 WERE IN FINAL INTERVIEWS AND I CANNOT BELIEVE A COMPANY WILL  
10 NOT HAVE SENT YOU AN INVOICE. AND, YOU KNOW, I STILL WANT THIS  
11 TO BE DONE. I THINK WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW. HOW MANY PEOPLE  
12 WERE INTERVIEWED? HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE LAST, YOU KNOW, AND  
13 THE EXCUSE THAT I AM GIVEN IS THAT YOUR BOARD, ON MAY 1ST,  
14 DECIDED THAT EVERYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH THE HIRING WOULD BE  
15 KEPT SECRET. WELL, IF YOU TOOK THAT MOTION ON MAY 1ST, YOU CAN  
16 UNDO IT AND UNVEIL SOME OF IT. I THINK THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT  
17 TO KNOW. IT'S JUST AN AMOUNT OF TRANSPARENCY WILL BE  
18 APPROPRIATE. AND I THINK, ON THAT ISSUE, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED  
19 THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION. SO I WILL GIVE YOU THE RESPONSE I  
20 RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL IN MY REQUEST FOR FURTHER  
21 INFORMATION.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE'LL HAVE THE  
24 SERGEANT-- STEVE, IF YOU'LL...

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND ON ITEM 19, I THINK THAT-- I'M  
2 GLAD YOU WENT BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THE FIGURES DON'T  
3 SEEM VERY RIGHT TO ME. THE LANGUAGE IS NOT APPROPRIATE.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. MR.  
6 SACHS?

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8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU AGAIN, COUNCIL. YES, I JUST WAS  
9 CURIOUS. I KNOW THAT M.L.K., THE CARE SITUATION PRESENTS ONE  
10 FORM OF PROBLEM BUT I WAS MORE INTERESTED IN THE OTHER FORM OF  
11 PROBLEM THAT WAS BROUGHT OUT BY THE INCIDENTS AT M.L.K. AND  
12 THAT WAS BROUGHT ABOUT ALSO BY THE PLAN BY DR. CHERNOF THAT  
13 WAS NOT FULLY IMPLEMENTED AND AFTERWARDS IT WAS DISCOVERED  
14 THAT APPROXIMATELY 60 PERCENT OF THE NURSING STAFF WAS NOT UP  
15 TO PAR OR NOT UP TO QUALIFICATIONS THAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO  
16 BE AT. AND THAT, IN ITSELF, OPENED UP A WHOLE NEW CAN OF  
17 WORMS. BY NOT-- BY DR. CHERNOF NOT IMPLEMENTING HIS PLAN TO  
18 HAVE EVERYBODY FULLY REVIEWED, IT ALLOWED THESE PEOPLE TO SLIP  
19 THROUGH THE CRACKS. AND I WAS WONDERING IF, BECAUSE OF THAT,  
20 IS THE COUNTY LOOKING AT IMPLEMENTING A REVIEW FOR ITS OTHER  
21 DEPARTMENTS TO FIND OUT THAT ITS OTHER STAFF ARE UP TO THE  
22 REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE NEEDED IN CASE SOMETHING SHOULD BEFALL  
23 ANOTHER DEPARTMENT, AS MIGHT WELL HAPPEN WITH M.L.K. HOSPITAL  
24 IF IT IS CLOSED AND PEOPLE ARE FORCED TO TRANSFER OUT. NOW  
25 THEY WILL BE BUMPING PEOPLE WHO ARE MORE QUALIFIED BUT LESS



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1 TENURE AND THAT IS A REAL CONCERN FOR ME, THAT TENURE WILL  
2 TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER QUALIFICATIONS. AND I WAS WONDERING IF  
3 THE COUNTY IS LOOKING INTO MAKING SURE THAT ITS OTHER  
4 DEPARTMENTS AND DEPARTMENT WORKERS OR EQUALLY TENURED AND  
5 QUALIFIED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ITEM 46 WILL BE ROLLED  
8 OVER TO NEXT WEEK. NEXT ITEM IS PUBLIC COMMENT?

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** I STILL HAVE ADJOURNMENTS.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, I APOLOGIZE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO DO A READ-IN MOTION FOR  
15 NEXT WEEK AS WELL, TOO. THIS REGARDS THE SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM.  
16 ACROSS THE COUNTY, APPROXIMATELY 2.1 MILLION MEALS ARE SERVED  
17 TO SENIORS EITHER AT COMMUNITY CENTERS OR BY HOME DELIVERY  
18 EACH AND EVERY DAY. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THEY RELY  
19 HEAVILY ON THESE MEALS AND THE DEMAND IS GROWING ALONG WITH  
20 THE COST OF PREPARING AND PROVIDING THESE MEALS. ON JUNE 19TH,  
21 THE BOARD ORDERED THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK WITH A PLAN AS TO  
22 HOW TO ADDRESS ISSUES WITHIN THE SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM ACROSS  
23 THE COUNTY. THIS IS A VERY POSITIVE FIRST STEP. I'M HOPEFUL  
24 THAT WE CAN RESOLVE THE ISSUES TO THE ACTION RESULTING FROM  
25 OUR DIRECTION. HOWEVER, BASED ON THE FEEDBACK THAT I HAVE BEEN



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1 RECEIVING FROM SENIOR MEAL PROVIDERS, AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT  
2 OTHER OFFICES BUT WE HAVE BEEN INUNDATED WITH THESE CALLS,  
3 THERE ARE AN ABUNDANCE OF FISCAL AND CONTRACTING ISSUES THAT  
4 CREATE OBSTACLES TO MAKING THIS A STREAMLINED AND EFFICIENTLY  
5 RUN PROGRAM. WHILE THE ISSUES AROUND ADMINISTERING THE SENIOR  
6 NUTRITION PROGRAM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CERTAINLY ARE COMPLEX,  
7 THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE SERVICE PROVIDERS MUST CLEARLY BE  
8 UNDERSTOOD AND APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE IN THE  
9 CONTEXT OF THE PLAN THAT WE EXPECT FROM THE C.E.O. ON THIS  
10 TIMELY MANNER. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE C.E.O. PROVIDE HIS  
11 PLAN TO THE BOARD THAT ADDRESSES THE SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM BY  
12 AUGUST 20TH OF THIS YEAR AND THAT THE PLAN ADDITIONALLY  
13 EXAMINE AND PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION TO RESOLVE THE COMPLEX  
14 FISCAL AND CONTRACTING ISSUES AROUND ADMINISTERING THE SENIOR  
15 MEAL PROGRAM. I FURTHER MOVE THAT A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS BE  
16 DEVELOPED THAT INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES EITHER FROM THE SENIOR  
17 MEAL-- FROM THE SENIOR MEAL PROVIDERS TO REVIEW THE C.E.O.  
18 PLAN FOR SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM, MONITOR PROGRESS AND  
19 PROVIDE INPUT TO THE C.E.O. ON A PERIODIC BASIS. AND, AGAIN, I  
20 JUST-- YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN GETTING AN EARFUL FROM THE MANY  
21 PROVIDERS IN MY DISTRICT OBVIOUSLY EXPRESSING A NUMBER OF  
22 CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROGRAM. THEY'RE FEELING A VERY SERIOUS  
23 FINANCIAL CRUNCH NOW MORE THAN EVER. SO, AS WE ALL KNOW, THIS  
24 IS A GROWING PROGRAM AND WE NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO ADDRESS



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1 THE NEEDS OF ALL SENIORS HERE IN OUR COUNTY. SO THAT WOULD BE  
2 MY MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. BURKE AND THEN MR. ANTONOVICH.

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** I KNOW WE HAVE TWO MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET ON THIS.  
9 I WONDER HOW THIS WILL FIT IN. FOR NEXT WEEK, YOU'LL FIGURE IT  
10 OUT? BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A COUPLE OF BUDGET ISSUES ON THIS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS HERE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO ON THIS, IF WE COULD HAVE AN ADDITION  
15 THAT THE C.E.O. WORK WITH THE FEDERAL AND STATE ADVOCATES TO  
16 PROVIDE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS TO ALLEVIATE THE FISCAL  
17 COMPLEXITIES OF ADMINISTERING THE SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM  
18 THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** WE COULD ALL COME TOGETHER. WE COULD BE PART OF  
21 THAT.

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BUDGET MOTIONS TO  
24 COME FORWARD AT THE SAME TIME?

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** WE'LL LOOK AT THAT. I'M NOT TRYING TO CAUSE EXTRA  
2   WORK. I HOPE EVERYTHING COMES TOGETHER BUT, AS I SAY, WE'VE  
3   BEEN BOMBARDED BY PROVIDERS IN OUR DISTRICT. SO I KNOW-- SO IT  
4   CAN'T JUST BE US.

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6   **SUP. BURKE:** NO, IT'S EVERYONE.

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8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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10   **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I AS WELL MOVE  
11   THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. STEPHEN  
12   BERNSTEIN, A WELL KNOWN CARDIOLOGIST IN LONG BEACH WHO PASSED  
13   AWAY RECENTLY. HE PRACTICED IN THE LONG BEACH LOS ALAMEDAS  
14   AREA SINCE 1981 AT THE MEMORIAL MEDICAL GROUP AND AT THE  
15   CARDIOVASCULAR CARE GROUP AS WELL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
16   OF 35 YEARS, SANDY, HIS SISTER, RENEE, HIS MOTHER, EVELYN. HE  
17   WILL BE MISSED BY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES AND, MOST OF  
18   ALL, HE'LL BE MISSED BY ALL OF HIS GRATEFUL PATIENTS. ALSO  
19   THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SISTER THELMA COBBS, RESIDENT OF  
20   PARAMOUNT AND WIFE OF THE LATE REVEREND WILLIAM COBBS, WHO  
21   PASSED AWAY ON JULY 26TH. IN 1944, SHE FOUNDED THE HOLY CHAPEL  
22   MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE SHE WAS THE FIRST LADY UNTIL  
23   1972. THE CHURCH MOVED AND IS CURRENTLY LOCATED IN COMPTON.  
24   SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER. SHE WAS  
25   SURVIVED BY A DAUGHTER, JEWEL, GREAT NIECE AND GOD DAUGHTER,



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1 CHRIS, 16 GRANDCHILDREN, SIX GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, TWO GREAT,  
2 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY, MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. WE DID  
3 THE EARLY ONE AND EXPRESSED OUR CONDOLENCES ON HAL FISHMAN'S  
4 PASSING. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANCIS O'CONNOR, A  
5 FATHER OF ANN O'CONNOR WITH NBC UNIVERSAL AND RESIDENT WHO  
6 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. FRANCIS WAS BORN IN LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND,  
7 IN 1925. MARRIED HIS SWEETHEART, MARY, AND, SHORTLY AFTER, ANN  
8 WAS BORN. THE FAMILY IMMIGRATED TO CALIFORNIA TO JOIN SOME  
9 RELATIVES WHO SETTLED HERE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. HE WAS  
10 VERY ACTIVE AT THE ST. CYRIL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH AND LOVED  
11 PLAYING GOLF. HE SERVED ENGLAND DURING WORLD WAR II AS A  
12 MERCHANT MARINE IN THE RUSSIAN CONVOYS. HIS IS SURVIVED BY  
13 WIFE, MARY, DAUGHTERS ANN AND JEANETTE, AND MANY RELATIONS,  
14 BOTH IN CALIFORNIA AND ENGLAND. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
15 OF TOM THORNTON, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE VERY YOUNG  
16 AGE OF 51. HE AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS TOMMY. HE WENT TO SCHOOL  
17 AT ST. RAYMOND'S AND PIUS 10TH AND GRADUATED WITH HONORS FROM  
18 CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH. HE WAS A GENERAL CONTRACTOR  
19 THAT LOVED TO BUILD HOSPITALS IN CALIFORNIA, HAWAII, ARIZONA,  
20 COLORADO AND UTAH. HE WAS A TERRIFIC PERSON, HAD A GREAT  
21 PERSONALITY. TOMMY IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, MARY, HIS  
22 SISTERS, PATTY ANN, RAE, CONNIE, SHEILA, AND BROTHER, MATT AND  
23 NIECES AND NEPHEWS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. THOSE ARE MY  
24 ADJOURNMENTS.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE. I'D LIKE TO BE  
2   ADDED TO THE O'CONNOR ONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE  
3   THAT WISH TO BE HEARD ON PUBLIC COMMENT. DAVID JACKSON? IS  
4   DAVID JACKSON HERE? MR. JACKSON, YOU'LL BE FIRST. SHE'S NEXT.  
5   PATRICIA MULCAHEY WILL FOLLOW MR. JACKSON. GO AHEAD, MR.  
6   JACKSON.

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8   **DAVID JACKSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVID JACKSON. I CAME  
9   BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY TO SAY WHAT IS OBVIOUS.  
10   I'M THE MOST DISCRIMINATED MAN IN AMERICA, ESPECIALLY IN THE  
11   STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I HAVE SUFFERED MANY CONVICTIONS WHERE  
12   THEY EITHER HAVE BEEN OVERTURNED OR I HAVE SUCCESSFULLY-- SAY  
13   IT AGAIN.

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15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WOULD YOU PLEASE LET HIM PROCEED?  
16   GO AHEAD, MR. JACKSON. TAKE YOUR TIME.

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18   **DAVID JACKSON:** I JUST FEEL THAT I'M THE MOST DISCRIMINATED MAN  
19   IN AMERICA, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO THE STATE OF  
20   CALIFORNIA AND DEALING WITH ME AS AN INDIVIDUAL, NOT ONLY  
21   BECAUSE OF MY RACE BUT BASICALLY AS AN INDIVIDUAL. I HAVE BEEN  
22   THROUGH A LOT AND RECENTLY I'M GOING THROUGH A LOT NOW. I COME  
23   TO THIS BOARD BEFORE BECAUSE OF MY MENTAL HEALTH OR TREATMENT  
24   FOR THE WAY THEY TREAT ME. NOW, RECENTLY, AFTER CASE AFTER  
25   CASE, THEY SAY BECAUSE I DIDN'T GO SEE MY PROBATION OFFICER, I





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1 WAS ON PROBATION FOR TWO YEARS AND SOMETHING, THEY WOULD SEND  
2 ME BACK TO COURT AND THEN PUT ME IN PRISON FOR THREE YEARS  
3 BECAUSE I DIDN'T GO SEE A PROBATION OFFICER. I JUST ASKED THE  
4 COURTS SIMPLY, SHOW ME A CERTIFIED LETTER WHERE MY PROBATION  
5 OFFICER TOLD ME TO COME AND REPORT. I NEVER EVER VIOLATED. I  
6 NEVER EVER GAVE HIM A DIRTY OR ANYTHING. NOW I'M SUFFERING. MY  
7 WIFE, EVERYTHING JUST WALK AWAY FROM ME. MY OWN CHILDREN DON'T  
8 LIKE ME NO MORE BECAUSE OF THIS STUFF. AND IT'S EVERY TIME. I  
9 MEAN, MY NAME IS DAVID JACKSON. THAT REALLY USED TO BE NAMED  
10 CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING. THAT AIN'T CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING  
11 NO MORE. IT'S NAMED CLARA SHORT HOUSE, WHATEVER THEY CALL IT  
12 AND I THINK I PLAYED A BIG PART IN THAT BECAUSE THE CASE THEY  
13 CONVICTED ME ON HAS JUST BEEN WRONGFUL AND THE JUDGE JUST  
14 THREW THEM OUT EVERY TIME. I BEAT THEM MOST OF MYSELF BECAUSE  
15 I DECIDED TO REPRESENT MYSELF. NOW I GOT, WHILE I WAS GOING TO  
16 SEE A DERMATOLOGIST, AND YOU ALL TALKED ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER  
17 KING WHO, SEVERAL YEARS AGO, COULD TREAT ME. NOW MY FACE IS  
18 STILL INFECTED YEARS LATER. AND EVERY TIME I GO TO COURT, I  
19 TELL THE JUDGES, THEM OR WHOEVER IS REPRESENTING ME OR  
20 WHATEVER, I NEED MEDICAL TREATMENT, I DON'T GET IT. AND WHAT  
21 HAPPENED ON THE 28TH OF MARCH OF 2006, I'LL NEVER FORGET. I  
22 WAS GOING TO COURT AND I GO TO COURT AND THEY BEAT ME UP AND  
23 SENT ME OVER TO U.S.C. AND I WROTE A COMPLAINT. IT'S NEVER  
24 BEEN ANSWERED, RESPONDED TO OR NOTHING AND I-- THEY INJECTED  
25 ME WITH SOME WHITE STUFF. MY OWN WIFE ASKED THE LADY, WHY ARE



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1 YOU DOING THAT? SHE SAID, BECAUSE YOU'RE ACTING UP IN COURT.  
2 NOW I CAN'T SLEEP. I'M ALWAYS ON WARNING. AND IT'S JUST CASE  
3 AFTER CASE. I'M TOTALLY STRESSED OUT. I CAN'T APPEAL, THE CITY  
4 HAS PREYED ON ME THEY WANT COURTS AND SILENCE FROM ME BECAUSE  
5 I'M CONSTANTLY WRITING COMPLAINTS. THERE'S ALL LEGITIMATE  
6 COMPLAINTS. I'VE SUED THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN THOSE  
7 CLAIMS, ESPECIALLY CASE B.A. 17-1440. I'VE TRIED THREE TIMES  
8 IN THAT CASE. THREE TIMES. I FEEL LIKE THE PRESIDENT SAID, MY  
9 TIME IS UP BUT I'M GOING UP AND LEAVE. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE  
10 COULDN'T IMAGINE A MAN OR A PERSON WALKING DOWN THE STREET AND  
11 THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW HE WAS TALKING TO BY A POLICE OFFICER  
12 AND HE WAS PUT INCARCERATED FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE BUT IT  
13 HAPPENED TO ME. IT HAPPENED TO ME. AND IT'S-- IN THESE RECORDS  
14 IT SHOWS IT HAPPENED TO ME. I FILED CLAIMS BEFORE Y'ALL AND  
15 THE ATTORNEYS THAT GUIDED, THEY JETTISONED ALL Y'ALL FROM THE  
16 CASES IN FRONT OF YOU JUST TO STAB ME IN MY BACK, YOU KNOW.  
17 IT'S NOT SO MUCH ABOUT TRYING TO SUE ANYBODY. I DON'T THINK  
18 NECESSARY THAT'S THE POINT. I THINK THE POINT THAT MATTERS IF  
19 THEY ARE GOING TO TREAT US WITH ANY KIND OF INJUSTICE DOWN  
20 HERE BECAUSE WE ARE CONSIDERED A RETCH OR WE AIN'T CONSIDERED  
21 NOBODIES DOWN HERE, THEN SOMEBODY NEEDS TO LOOK AT THAT. BUT  
22 ME INDIVIDUALLY IF YOU LOOK UP THE NAME DAVID JACKSON AND RUN  
23 IT FROM 1998 TO THE PRESENT DAY, I'M A VERY DISCRIMINATED MAN  
24 IN AMERICA AND IT'S REALLY NO CAUSE FOR IT. I HAVEN'T DONE  
25 ANYTHING IN MY CRIMINAL HISTORY THAT WOULD CAUSE ME TO HAVE TO



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1 GO TO PRISON FOREVER. USING DRUGS, I'VE STOPPED USING DRUGS. I  
2 NEVER GAVE THEM A DIRTY WHILE I WAS ON PAROLE AND THIS  
3 PROBATION AND STUFF. NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN BECAUSE I GO TO SEE  
4 MY PROBATION OFFICER, I CAN'T EVEN GET MY S.S.I. BACK NO MORE  
5 AND STUFF LIKE THAT. I AM JUST TOTALLY DENIED. NOW MY WIFE, MY  
6 CHILDREN. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO...

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8 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** YOUR TIME EXPIRED.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE-- YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE  
11 DOING.

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13 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** STOP IT. STOP IT OR YOU'RE GOING  
16 TO BE EXCUSED FROM THE ROOM. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

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18 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** OKAY. SORRY, YES.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. JACKSON. I  
21 APOLOGIZE.

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23 **DAVID JACKSON:** I JUST WANTED TO COME TODAY BEFORE THE BOARD  
24 BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE DOING THESE THINGS FOR ME THAT  
25 WORK FOR THE COUNTY. AND NO WAY I FEEL BELIEVE THAT COUNTY



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1 WORKERS SHOULD BE OVER IN THEIR OFFICES IF YOU WERE RUNNING  
2 INVESTIGATIONS AND THEY TREAT ME LIKE THIS. I CAN'T EVEN GO TO  
3 A COURTROOM WITHOUT GETTING ARRESTED. I WENT TO A COURTROOM  
4 AND GOT A CASE AND HAD TO FILE A DISCRIMINATORY LAW  
5 ENFORCEMENT MOTION JUST TO SHOW THAT I COULD GO INTO TO A  
6 PUBLIC HEARING IN A COURTROOM WITHOUT BEING ARRESTED.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. FUJIOKA, PERHAPS THERE IS  
9 SOMEBODY WHO CAN TALK TO MR. JACKSON IN YOUR STAFF OR THE  
10 BACK? MR. JACKSON, WHY DON'T YOU STEP OVER TO THE DOOR THERE  
11 AND WE'LL SEE IF SOMEBODY CAN TALK TO YOU. MISS MULCAHEY.

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13 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** YES. FIRST OF ALL, THIS GOES TO THE DEPUTY  
14 BOARD AND THE NEW C.E.O., I'M HANDING IT TO YOU NOW. PROXY FOR  
15 ALL ENFORCE AWARDS. THE CITIZEN FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF THE  
16 REGIONAL CENTER ON THE D.C.F.S. AS RONALD REAGAN STATED,  
17 OUTSIDE, ON YOUR PLAQUE, "I HAVE FAITH THAT, GIVEN THE  
18 AUTHORITY, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARE MORE CAPABLE OF  
19 HANDLING THEIR OWN AFFAIRS THAN THE BUREAUCRACY IN WASHINGTON,  
20 D.C., UNLESS THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS SURROUNDED BY  
21 CORRUPTION. ON THAT SUBJECT, SUPERVISOR IN THE THIRD DISTRICT,  
22 YUSOVICH, HOWEVER YOU PRONOUNCE YOUR NAME. Y-A-R-O-S-A-L-N-K-  
23 Y, YOU WERE THE ONE...

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOUR TIME IS UP. WE'RE GOING  
2    TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. [ GAVEL ]

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4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
5    NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
6    CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER C.S.-1, C.S.-  
7    3 AND C.S.-4, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, REGARDING  
8    EXISTING LITIGATION AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK  
9    YOU.

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1                               **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2   **TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007**

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6       There was no reportable action taken on items CS-1 and CS-3.

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8       In open session, the Board continued item CS-2 one week to

9       August 14, 2007.

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